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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013576 – Nutrition support teams

1. How many beds are there in your Trust?

If your Trust comprises of different hospitals, please give the breakdown for each hospital

Inpatient beds only and excluding Maternity and Neonates as per situation report reporting as of yesterday 681

2. Does your Trust have a nutrition support team **YES**

If so, does the nutrition support team cover all hospital beds within your Trust **ADULT BEDS ONLY. TPN**

**Pharmacist visits the neonatal unit daily to order TPN**

What is your nutrition team’s involvement in ITU? **Attend when patients are referred for consideration of TPN**

Which major GI surgical procedures are performed in hospital:- in terms of operations we do not perform any major UGI ones here they are referred to the QE.

Oesophagogastric resections - **NO**

Pancreatic resections - **NO**

Surgery for advanced rectal cancer - anterior resection is undertaken at RHH, anal surgery is referred to New Cross hospital.

3. If your Trust comprises of different hospitals, is there a nutrition support team at each hospital or does one nutrition team cover all hospitals

**Only one inpatient hospital so only one team is needed to cover the site**

4. If you have a nutrition support team in your Trust, please indicate their role:-

~~Advisory only~~

**Direct patient contact when required – Daily multidisciplinary ward round to review all TPN fed patients and assess potential referrals. Our consultant gastroenterologist attends this ward round and is available to discuss any patients at other times. Also to review any complicated enterally fed patients.**

~~Ward round once (or less) per week~~

If you have more than one nutrition team in different sites, please complete for each team **N/A**

5. What is the remit of the nutrition support team?

Site name	Inpatient PN	Inpatient EN	Home PN	Home EN
<b>RHH</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Manage complicated enterally fed patients. <u>NUTRITION NURSES</u> review and assess all peg referrals, tube trouble shooting, cut and push peg removals</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Trouble shooting</b>

6. Please state number of staff, WTE (referring to nutrition) and banding/grade for each discipline in the nutrition support team:

If you have more than one nutrition support team in different sites, please complete a table for each team

Site name	Number	WTE for nutrition team	Banding/grade
Nutrition nurse	<b>3 part time make up 1 FTE nurse</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>BAND 6</b>
Dietitian	<b>1</b>	<b><u>0.67 WTE</u></b>	<b>BAND 6</b>
Pharmacist	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
Gastroenterologist	<b>1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>CONSULTANT</b>
Surgeon	<b>0</b>		
Chemical pathologist	<b>0</b>		
ITU doctor	<b>0</b>		

7. Please state when the nutrition support team(s) were formed at each hospital or in the Trust (take into account any mergers or changes to the Trust)

**Team formed by GI cons and Anaesthetist with Dietitian prior to 1990.**

**1<sup>st</sup> nutrition nurse started c1998**

8. If your Trust does not have a nutrition support team, has there been a business case put forward at any stage for such a team to develop? (Often this is around a business case for a nutrition nurse specialist) **NA**

9. Do you have a nutrition steering committee in your Trust? **YES**

Or any other nutrition related committee **YES** **Primary & secondary care nutrition MDT**  
**Catering/nutrition meeting**  
**Nutrition link nurses**

If so, how does it feed information into the Trust executive? **Via Matrons**

10. Does your Trust have a designated Intestinal Failure Unit? **NO**