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Date: 22/9/23

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

I am writing to request some information under the Freedom of Information act. I am requesting this information on behalf of Epilepsy Action, as we would like to understand the UK neurology workforce in order to better support the NHS to provide care to people with epilepsy.

These questions are applicable to any Trust that provides either **neurology, maternity or learning disability care**. Please answer all of the questions that are relevant to your trust, and mark those that are not relevant clearly as such with a reason (e.g., 'Not applicable as we do not provide maternity care').

Please could you provide the following (including both the number of individuals and FTE for each question, and job titles where asked):

			Response
1	The number of neurologists employed within your Trust, including:		The Trust has a small Acute Adult Neurology Service. For details please go to the Trust website <u>Neurology - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (dgft.nhs.uk)</u>
1a	The total number of neurologists	Number:	2
		FTE:	2.0
1b	The number of which are adult neurologists	Number:	2
		FTE:	2.0
1c	The number of which are paediatric neurologists	Number:	See comments at end of question 5
		FTE:	
1d		Number:	0

	How many adult neurologists are epileptologists	FTE:	0
1e	How many paediatric neurologists are epileptologists	Number:	See comments at the end of question 5
		FTE:	
1f	If you do not employ neurologists , please provide details of who provides your neurology services	Name of provider:	N/A
2	The number of epilepsy specialist nurses (ESNs) employed within your Trust, including:	Number:	0
		FTE:	0
2a	The number of which are adult ESNs	Number:	N/A
		FTE:	
2b	The number of which are paediatric ESNs	Number:	N/A
		FTE:	
2c	How many adult ESNs have Learning Disability expertise	Number:	N/A
		FTE:	
2d	How many paediatric ESNs have Learning Disability expertise	Number:	N/A
		FTE:	
3	The number of learning disability nurses who have epilepsy expertise.	Number:	<i>3 full time learning disability nurses (37.5) in Trust and 1 at 30hrs.</i> <i>We all have basic understanding of epilepsy, however there are no epilepsy specialists in the team</i>
		FTE:	
4	The number of staff working within obstetrics who have epilepsy expertise, and their job titles	Number:	0
		FTE:	0
		Job titles:	Patients feed into Maternal Medicine MDT
4a	Within this number, how many midwives have epilepsy expertise	Number:	1
		FTE:	1.0 Specialist midwife Long term Conditions
5		Number:	See comments below
		FTE:	N/A

	The number of staff working within neurology who have expertise in obstetrics, and their job titles.	Job titles:	N/A
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Please note;- The maternal medicine Multi-Disciplinary Team has 5 consultant members, none of them are neurologists or have epilepsy specialist knowledge however as an MDT they would contact experts within the Trust to share care.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**