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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Please, provide answers to the following questions and answer them for each point in time requested regarding the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024?

- 1. How many patients have breached the target for a first new appointment in Gynaecology department on the first day of each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?**
- 2. How many patients are/were waiting for a first new appointment in the Gynaecology Department on the first day of each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?**
- 3. How many patients are overdue their follow up appointment on the first day of each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?**
- 4. How many patients were/are waiting for a gynaecological inpatient operation in each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?**
- 5. How many patients have waited more than 1 year for a gynaecological operation on the first day of each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?**
- 6. How many Locum consultants Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (in number) were employed/ are currently employed on a direct NHS fixed-term contract basis (recruited through TRAC.jobs) by the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust in each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?**
- 7. How much money in pounds sterling the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department has spent on agency consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologists in each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please? Please, include all the chronological data available at the time of answering the FOI request.**
- 8. How many hours have those agency consultant locums' obstetricians and gynaecologists done in each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?**

Response

Please note that we are not able to provide figures for June or July as we do not yet have snapshot dates for these months. The data is taken from our post RTT Incompletes data submitted externally.

1. How many patients have breached the target for a first new appointment in Gynaecology department on the first day of each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?

Date	Count of 65 Breach
01/01/2024	47
01/02/2024	76
01/03/2024	73
01/04/2024	14
01/05/2024	10

2. How many patients are/were waiting for a first new appointment in the Gynaecology Department on the first day of each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?

Date	Count of patients waiting
01/01/2024	3065
01/02/2024	2968
01/03/2024	2856
01/04/2024	2865
01/05/2024	2981

3. How many patients are overdue their follow up appointment on the first day of each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?

Unfortunately, we cannot supply an answer for this question due to not all of our appointments being booked from waiting lists therefore we don't have target dates for everything to report on overdue appointments.

4. How many patients were/are waiting for a gynaecological inpatient operation in each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?

Date	Waiting for Inpatient Op
01/01/2024	468
01/02/2024	469

01/03/2024	469
01/04/2024	452
01/05/2024	432

5. How many patients have waited more than 1 year for a gynaecological operation on the first day of each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?

Date	Waiting for Inpatient Op more than 52 weeks
01/01/2024	75
01/02/2024	73
01/03/2024	81
01/04/2024	74
01/05/2024	68

6. How many Locum consultants Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (in number) were employed/ are currently employed on a direct NHS fixed-term contract basis (recruited through TRAC.jobs) by the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust in each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?

As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved and cause distress to families and friends. the number of locum obstetricians and gynecologists employed over the requested timeframe is less than 5, so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

7. How much money in pounds sterling the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department has spent on agency consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologists in each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please? Please, include all the chronological data available at the time of answering the FOI request.

Month	Spend Value
January 2024	£0
February 2024	£3,533
March 2024	£9,138
April 2024	£13,341
May 2024	£12,267
June 2024	Unable to provide
July 2024	Unable to provide

Please note this does not include locum payments for those registered with locum bank (e.g. our own consultants or those that have left). This only relates to consultants booked via an agency as per the question.

8. How many hours have those agency consultant locums' obstetricians and gynaecologists done in each of the following months - January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, please?

<u>Month</u>	<u>Hours</u>
January 2024	24 hours
February 2024	0
March 2024	216 hours
April 2024	168 hours
May 2024	72 hours
June 2024	Unable to provide
July 2024	Unable to provide

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

Yours sincerely

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