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**Date:** 16.1.25

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

1. Staff Count: Could you please provide the current total number of staff employed by the trust? (please could this be broken down by each year from 2019 to 2024)

2019	5049
2020	5310
2021	5597
2022	6020
2023	6306
2024	6673

please note that data is as of 31st December except for 2024 which is as of 26/11/24.

2. Remote/Hybrid Workers: How many staff members are currently designated as remote or hybrid workers? (please could this be broken down by each year from 2019 to 2024)

- Not known, this information is not collated.

3. How many days per week are hybrid employees allowed to work from home?

- See response to question 2

4. Remote Working Policy: I would appreciate it if you could share a copy of the remote working policy implemented within the organisation.

- For a copy of the policy please contact [dgft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.foi@nhs.net) quoting the FOI reference number

5. How long has this been the policy and has it changed since the pandemic?

- Ratified 2023

6. Monitoring Work Hours: How do you ensure that remote or hybrid workers fulfil their full contractual hours?

- Managed locally by line managers

7. Laptop Purchases in 2024: In the year 2024 so far, how many new laptops have been procured specifically for remote or hybrid working?

- 300

8. Cost of Laptop Purchases: What has been the total cost associated with the procurement of these laptops in 2024 so far?

- £356,100.00

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

Yours sincerely

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