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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 17 January, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

Request:

1. Please provide information on whether your NHS Trust currently employ any individuals for the purpose of 'spiritual care' and/or, 'pastoral care' - if applicable, please indicate which denomination each employee belongs to.
2. Please list the specific job titles and, salary figures (per annum or pro rata) for each respective individual; detailing which are part-time and full-time roles.
3. Please provide details on whether NHS Trust have a specific budget for the purpose of 'spiritual care' or 'pastoral care' and, if so, please detail the total amount (£).

Response:

1. The Trust, OHFT does employ staff for spiritual and pastoral care. Chaplains work with patients, staff and carers of all faiths and beliefs according to need and are not denominationally specific.
2. The Trust has one full time vacancy and employ two other full time chaplains and 1-part time chaplains at 0.8wte equalling 3.8wte in total. Two employees have the title of 'Team Chaplain' and are employed f/t at band 6 (range £26,564 – £35,577). A third has the title of 'Deputy Head of Spiritual & Pastoral Care at band 7 0.8wte (£31,696 – £41,787 pro rata). The fourth person (f/t) is 'Head of Spiritual & Pastoral Care and Consultant in Staff Support' and has significant additional responsibilities in the Trust in addition to his spiritual and pastoral role, employed at band 8c (range £56,655 – £69,168)

3. The Trust has a budget for spiritual and pastoral care which is £180,945.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance