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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 8 May 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

Request 1

For each calendar year since 2010, broken down by month:

- How many applications for a restricted certificate of sponsorship for a Tier 2 (General) visa has the Trust made to the Home Office (through the sponsorship management system or other routes) for (a) clinical staff (b) non-clinical staff
- How many of these applications were (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful for (i) clinical staff and (ii) non-clinical staff
- How many applications for a restricted certificate of sponsorship for a Tier 2 (General) visa has the Trust made to the Home Office (through the sponsorship management system or other routes) for (a) professions on the Shortage Occupation List (b) professions not on the Shortage Occupation List
- How many of these applications were (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful for (i) professions on the Shortage Occupation List (ii) professions not on the Shortage Occupation List

Where the data is accessible within the limits of the Act, please provide a breakdown by profession for clinical and non-clinical staff e.g. nurse, doctor etc.

Request 2

How many clinical staff positions is the Trust currently planning on filling with an overseas doctor in the next 12 months?

Response:

The Trust hold information on 4 restricted COS applications that have been made

Feb 2017	Dietitian	Granted and successful	Not on Shortage Occupational List
May 2017	Physiotherapist	Declined due to new salary threshold	Not on Shortage Occupational List
July 2017	Doctor	Granted and successful	On Shortage Occupational List
May 2018	Doctor	Granted and successful	On Shortage Occupational List

2. One specialty doctor in child and adolescent psychiatry.

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

