

05/07/2022

Dear Requester,

FOI 1314

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

I would like to request the following information under a freedom of information request relating to hospital Chaplains and Chaplaincy Provision in your Trust.

- 1) Are you:
 - a. an acute Trust
 - b. a specialist centre / Trust
 - c. a community Trust
 - d. a mental health Trust
 - e. other, please specify:
The Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is an acute Trust.

- 2) In total how many beds do you have in your hospital(s)?
 - L&D- 650 beds on average**
 - Bedford- 450 beds on average**

- 3) How many staff by whole-time equivalent and headcount do you have in your Trust?

	Bedford Site	Luton & Dunstable Site	Trust
WTE	2885.87	4851.9	7,737
Headcount	3213	5345	8558

- 4) The number of whole-time equivalent and headcount of substantive Chaplaincy Team members by faith/belief demographic

Faith/Belief	Bedford Site		Luton & Dunstable Site	
	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount
Anglican				
Baptist				
Buddhist				

Christian (other than listed)	1.00	1	2.9	4
Eastern Orthodox				
Hindu				
Humanist				
Islam/Muslim			0.6	1
Jewish				
Methodist				
Pentecostal/Charismatic				
Presbyterian				
Quaker				
Roman Catholic				
Salvation Army				
Sikh				
United Reform Church				
Other (please specify)				
Unknown				

5) The number of bank/temporary/zero-hours contract Chaplaincy Staff by faith/belief demographic.

Faith/Belief	Bedford Site (Headcount)	Luton & Dunstable Site (Headcount)
Anglican		
Baptist		
Buddhist		
Christian (other than listed)	3.00	2
Eastern Orthodox		
Hindu		
Humanist		
Islam/Muslim		
Jewish		
Methodist		
Pentecostal/Charismatic		
Presbyterian		
Quaker		
Roman Catholic		
Salvation Army		
Sikh		
United Reform Church		
Other (please specify)		
Unknown	7.00	1

6) The number of honorary Chaplaincy Team members by faith/belief demographic

Faith/Belief	Bedford Site (Headcount)	Luton & Dunstable Site (Headcount)
Anglican		
Baptist		
Buddhist		
Christian (other than listed)		
Eastern Orthodox		
Hindu		
Humanist		
Islam/Muslim		
Jewish		
Methodist		
Pentecostal/Charismatic		
Presbyterian		
Quaker		
Roman Catholic		
Salvation Army		
Sikh		
United Reform Church		
Other (please specify)		
Unknown		

7) Does the Trust have Trainee Chaplain/Entry Level Chaplain (band 5) roles?

No

8) If so, how many of the Chaplaincy Team are at this level (whole-time equivalent, headcount and religion/belief)?

N/A

9) If so, are the positions permanent or fixed term?

N/A

10) What is the rationale for trainee/entry level chaplains within your Trust?

N/A

11) Over the last 3-years, has the Chaplaincy Team:

	Yes/No	Difference (WTE)
Increased in Size	Yes	2.2
Remained the same in size		

Decreased in size

12) What steps or initiatives has the Chaplaincy Team taken to increase the diversity of service provision within your Trust?

N/A

13) What spaces do you have for prayer, meditation or worship within your Trust?

Space	Yes / No	Number of these spaces within the Trust (if yes)	What activities regularly take place in this space
Chapel	Yes	2	Regular multi faith activities
Multifaith space	Yes	2	Chapels are used for multifaith activities.
Single faith prayer space	Yes	2	Chapel
Designated Muslim prayer space	Yes	2	Prayer rooms in both hospitals.
Quiet room / reflection space	Yes	2	In the chapel
Meeting room space	Yes	2	Chapel
Counselling room space	No		
Other (please specify):			

This information is provided for your personal use and is the property of Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust and subject to any existing Intellectual Property and Database Rights. Any commercial application or use of this information may be subject to the provisions of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 (RPSI). This means that if you wish to re-use the information provided for commercial purposes for any reason you must ask the Trust for permission to do so.

Please note that the Trust has a formal internal review and complaints process which is managed by the Information Governance Manager/Data Protection Officer. Should you have any concerns with our response, you can make a formal request for an internal review. Requests *for internal review* should be submitted within three months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter, and should be addressed to: dataprotectionofficer@ldh.nhs.uk. This option is available to you for up to three calendar months from the date your response was issued.

If you are not satisfied with the Trust review under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Officer (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. The ICO can be contacted at: ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust