

15/02/2021

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. 215

You asked:

Response from Luton and Dunstable Hospital Only

1. How many Physician Associates are currently working in your trust? (please can you include their pay banding and department)

1 – Band 7 – A&E department

2. How many Physician Associate vacancies are currently available? (please can you include their pay banding and department)

1 vacancy advertised

3. How many Physician Associates are you planning to employ?

Cannot comment

4. Please may you disclose if there are currently any business cases being drawn up to try to employ physician associates, and if so please can you send as much detail as possible regarding this.

N/A

5. Has there been any rejected or failed business cases to employ physician associates and why wasn't it accepted?

N/A

6. If physician associates are employed in your trust, how do their staff satisfaction surveys compare to other staff members, particularly doctors?

Yearly staff survey and staff engagement events.

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,

IG/FOI Coordinator

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