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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Obstetric recruitment and training accreditation.

You asked:
1. Please can you tell me whether you employ any non-training middle grades in your obstetric unit/s?
2. If so, can you specify how many and which unit they are employed at?
3. Can you let me know if you currently have any obstetric vacancies for non-training middle grades, registrars or consultants?
4. Has there been any difficulty recruiting either consultants or registrars or non-training grades in recent years?
5. Are there, or have there been in recent years, any recruitment programmes (beyond advertising) for obstetric vacancies (i.e. oversees recruitment programmes)?
6. If so, can you specify whether these are either for non-training middle grades, registrars or consultants, and provide information on these programmes (I.e. used Agency X to recruit non-training middle grades from India)? If recruitment programmes have been used, how successful have they been?
7. Can you also let me know whether there have been any incentives in place at the Trust to attract obstetric non-training middle grades, registrars or consultants? If so I would very much like to see details of these, please.
8. Finally, can you let me know what deanery your obstetric unit/s come under whether obstetric Training Accreditation has been awarded either to the Trust, or to specific sites?

Trust response:
1. Yes
2. 12 at Tunbridge Wells Hospital

3. Yes

4. Some difficulty, taken two or three attempts to fill, currently advertising for one registrar post

5. Yes

6. Registrar level through an agency for overseas recruitment in numerous departments O&G included.

7. No

8. KSS, we do not know about training accreditation