

Ref: FOI/CAD/ID 3756

Please reply to:
FOI Administrator
Trust Management
Service Centre
Maidstone Hospital
Hermitage Lane
Maidstone
Kent
ME16 9QQ
Email: mtw-tr.foiadmin@nhs.net

28 February 2017

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 lone working doctors.

Would you be able to provide rotas for each of your inpatient wards (excluding emergency and intensive care) for each of the last 5 years and as much of 2017 as you are able to, making clear the grades of the doctors allocated to each ward (F1, F2 etc.)? Feel free to anonymise the doctors in the rota – I am interested in their grade, not their identity.

If that is not possible, would you be able to provide a list, for each of the last five years and as much of 2017 as you have data for, of all the occasions where just one doctor was allocated to an inpatient ward. Please make clear what grade that doctor was (F1, F2, CT1, consultant etc.), which ward they were the sole doctor for, what date this occurred and for which hours.

To be clear – I would like you to include cases where just one doctor was allocated to a ward, even if they had access to help from doctors on nearby wards in the event of an emergency or for advice.

The information requested is not held electronically. Doctors are allocated to wards by their teams and departments. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.