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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 GP's in A&E.

- 1. Is the Trust planning to use GPs within any of its emergency departments over the winter months?*
- 2. Has the Trust recruited/is the Trust planning to recruit GPs to staff its emergency departments over the winter months? If so, how many will be/have been recruited? If so, please confirm (i) the cost of recruitment and (ii) the planned duration of the post(s).*
- 3. If the Trust is planning to use GPs in A&E departments, how will they fit into the current system/how will they be used?*
- 4. If the Trust is planning to use GPs in A&E departments, why is this necessary?*
- 5. If the Trust is NOT planning to use GPs in A&E departments, will it be necessary to employ more consultants/nurses/locums for this coming winter? If so, why?*

1. IC24 provide GPs in A&E
2. IC24 provide cover from 12-23 at both hospitals
3. This service has in the department for some time and is not an additional service due to winter pressure
4. Patients attend A&E with all types of injuries/conditions and emergency treatment it is not always required therefore Patients can be streamed to an appropriate healthcare provider.
5. Not applicable.