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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 Chemotherapy nurse vacancies.

*You asked:*

1. *From the latest data, how many FTE chemotherapy nurse posts in your trust are vacant?*
2. *How many FTE chemotherapy nurse posts do you currently have funded?*
3. *How does this compare to the situation on 1st April 2013? For the sake of clarity: please can you provide answers on the same questions in Q1 and Q2 but for 1st April 2013 if possible.*
4. *How are you currently filling the shifts that should be covered by the vacant posts?*
5. *Have you had to offer less regular chemotherapy cycles in any way as a result of this?*

**Trust response:**

1. 3.0 wte inpatient chemotherapy nurses 3.6 wte outpatient chemotherapy
2. 32.65 wte
3. Unable to answer this question.
4. Either by bank or agency, our agency nurses however are regular attenders to our unit and therefore aware of policies and procedures.
5. No, not at all