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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_242_24

You asked:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use of Physician Associates (PAs) for covering shifts within your hospital/Health board. Specifically I would like to know:

Over the last 6 months, how many doctor* shifts, categorised by department/speciality, have been covered by Physician associates? Please include all types of shifts (day, weekend, night).

*Doctor shifts would include shifts covered by Foundation Doctors (FY1/FY2), locally employed doctors, SAS (Specialist, Associate Specialist, Speciality Doctor), core/specialist trainee doctors and registrars. They may be referred to as 'F1 shifts', 'SHO Shifts' or 'Registrar shifts', but I would advise liaising with your medical staffing team to clarify exact terminology used by your organisation.

Our response:

Physicians Associates do not cover, and have not covered shifts undertaken by Doctors, in CTMUHB. They are an addition to our workforce and not a replacement.