

Our reference: /FOI D9354

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Joe Bloggs

Dear Joe,

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9354**

Please find our Trust's response in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

*(1) How many front-line mental health jobs are completely unoccupied at present, on 27/08/2019, and in each of the past five years, from 27/08/2013 to 27/08/2018 inclusive – broken down by year – across the area for which your Trust provides mental health services?*  
Vacancies from 2013-2019

Please note that figures prior to 2017 for the former Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust are not available as the systems are no longer accessible.

Year	WTE Total
2013	329.68
2014	409.34
2015	420.54
2016	387.05
2017	810.22
2018	737.64
2019	705.39

*(2) How many of these unoccupied positions are being, and were covered, by agency staff in each of those years?*

Information not held. Agency staff are used to cover vacancies/sickness/maternity leave and suspensions but there is no method of allocating a specific agency worker to a vacancy and vacancies are not always covered by agency.

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(3) How many front-line mental health staff should there be currently, in accordance with your Trust's guidelines?

Budgeted frontline staff

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Year	WTE Total
2013	2581.42
2014	2708.36
2015	2713.11
2016	2805.95
2017	4499.07
2018	4644.65
2019	4325.86

I hope the information provided above is to your satisfaction. If you are unhappy with the way, the Trust has handled your request you may request an internal review.

If you require an internal review please write to Sarah McDonald, Head of IM&T Service Delivery, at the address above, who will arrange a review of your case.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

The FOI Team  
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Greater Manchester MH NHS Foundation Trust

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