

FOI 3824

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. To ask for a) total headcount and Whole-time equivalent numbers b) job roles of all dentists employed by Trust, broken down by dentists working in:

i. Community Dental Services

Response:

10.89 WTE (16 headcount) dentists

12 dental officers (one Dental Officer currently acting up 0.39 WTE to Senior Dental Officer)

4 WTE (headcount 4) Senior Dental Officer

1 WTE (1 headcount) Clinical Director

ii. Hospital Dental Services

Response:

2 Consultant Orthodontists

WTE = 1.66 wte

2. To provide details of all current dentist vacancies by job roles

1 WTE perm Dental Officer

1 WTE temp Dental Officer

0.69 WTE temp Senior Dental Officer

No vacancies in hospital dental services.

3. To outline any regional post vacancies /gaps relevant to services provided by this Trust

There are recurrent challenges to recruit staff to both Community Dental Service and hospital posts on a permanent basis and also to cover long term absence.

South Eastern Trust's MaxFax consultants operate a visiting service, and once a month should undertake a joint orthognathic clinic in Craigavon Area Hospital with Craigavon Area Hospital Consultant Orthodontists. Issues with emergency rota cover on South Eastern Trust sites has meant that joint clinic does not routinely take place; this has been an issue for a couple of years, resulting in assessment and treatment delays for those requiring this specialist service.

4. To outline any additional posts identified for growth of dental services in this Trust

There are no current plans to expand the service.

Whilst there are no current plans to go out for additional posts, the CAH Orthodontic Team does have ideas around service developments and improvements such as therapist posts and introduction of equipment like Cone Beam CT, however we are aware that funding regional for the health service this year is limited.

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