

FOI – 2480

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

The social work staffing levels within the Southern Health and Social Care Trust.
- The social work staffing levels within each of the Southern Health and Social Care Trust's departments.

Response:

Please see table with number of Qualified Social Workers by Directorate as at 31 March 2024

Directorate	Headcount
Adult Community Services	121
Children & Young People's Services	441
Executive Directorate of Nursing & Midwifery and AHP's	1
Medical	5
Medicine & Unscheduled Care Services	33
Mental Health & Disability Services	222
Total	823

Notes:

- Figures exclude Bank Staff, Staff on Career Break/Seconded Out of the Trust and staff aligned to Staff Side Organisational Units.

-Staff with multiple posts are counted more than once and figures include qualified social workers (and AYE's) however some staff may not be employed in social work specific roles.

The Social Work staff vacancy levels from the last ten years and up to present day

Response:

Please see table of number of Social Work Vacancies as at 31 December 2022 & 2023

	Number of Vacancies
As at 31 December 2022	42
As at 31 December 2023	82

Notes:

- *Vacancies details collated and validated across SHSCT for SPPG as at December for the last 2 years has been provided, comparable data for previous years is not currently available.*
- *Figures include Designated and Non-Designated Social Work vacancies.*

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