THE ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITALS NHS TRUST RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST

Date Request Received: 19 January 2015
FOI Ref: 674

Requested Information
I would like to request the following information about chaplaincy services provided by the Trust under the Freedom of Information Act.

1) How many chaplains does your Trust currently employ?
2) How many members of staff are employed as part of the chaplaincy service, and what are their job roles?
3) How many people have used the chaplaincy service over the last 3 financial years?
4) What is the annual cost of chaplaincy services (pay and non-pay), broken down by year for the last 3 financial years?
5) How much money is allocated to external bodies, such as the Roman Catholic Church, broken down by year over the last 3 financial years?

Response
1) The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust (RCHT) employs 2 WTE\(^1\) chaplains.

2) Within the chaplaincy service, the Trust employs a part-time administrator (0.25 WTE).

3) Due to the way that our information is recorded, it is not possible to determine this information within the appropriate limit\(^2\). There are numerous electronic files, call out books, referral logs which would have to be scrutinized, there is no central database from which to collate this data. It is estimated however that the chaplaincy team, based at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro offer care and support to over 3,000 people a month in Cornwall’s hospitals and hospices.

4) Annual cost of chaplaincy services:

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<td>163,131</td>
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\(^*\)To date - covering months 01 April 2014 - 31 January 2015 (inclusive)

5) N/A to RCHT.

Attachment(s)?
None

Date Response Sent: 09 February 2015

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\(^1\) WTE – Whole Time Equivalent

\(^2\) The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for RCHT this is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of 1 person spending 2½ working days in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently RCHT is not obliged under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to respond to this part of your request.