

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 08 October 2025

FOI Ref 30594

Requested Information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please tell me:

1. How many Learning Disability nurses are employed within the Trust
Please answer this question for the following years:
2021
2022
2023
2024
2025 (for the current year please provide the most up to date number).
2. If information is available, how many of these work in hospital settings?
- 3.. What is your vacancy rate for learning disability nurses? Please answer for the following years:
2021
2022
2023
2024
2025 (for the current year please provide the most up to date number).
4. If you cannot answer the above question, please provide how many vacancies you currently have for Learning Disability nurses?

Response:

1. How many Learning Disability nurses are employed within the Trust
Please answer this question for the following years:

2021 = 5.6 whole time equivalent (WTE)

2022 = 5.6 WTE

2023 = 10.4 WTE

2024 = 5.6 WTE

September 2025 = 4.6 WTE

2. If information is available, how many of these work in hospital settings?

All of RCHT's learning disability nurses are hospital based. RCHT do not have community based learning disability nursing (this service is supplied by Cornwall Partnership NHS Trust).

3. What is your vacancy rate for learning disability nurses? Please answer for the following years:

2021 = -0.95 WTE

2022 = 1.5 WTE

2023 = -1.4 WTE

2024 = 1.61 WTE

September 2025 = 2.12 WTE

Please note: Negative figures for 2021 and 2023 indicate over-establishment; more staff in post than funding available therefore negative (no vacancies).

4. If you cannot answer the above question, please provide how many vacancies you currently have for Learning Disability nurses?

Not applicable – question 3 answered in full.

Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 15th October 2025