

8th January 2025

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Monday 23rd December 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. **The number of Whole-Time Equivalents (WTE) for Cardiac Physiologists /Clinical Cardiac Scientists currently employed by your Trust in the Echocardiography Department. Please specify the WTE per banding.**
 - a. 1 - Band 8a
 - b. 5- Band 7
2. **The number of vacant WTE positions in the Echocardiography Department. Please specify the banding.**
 - a. 2 - Band 7
3. **How many Cardiac Physiologists/Healthcare Scientists got full TTE BSE accreditation in the last 24 months**
 - a. 1
4. **Do you have any Physiologist-led / Scientist-led services within the Cardiology department? Please specify the services and the staff banding.**
 - a. Valve clinic. Shared between Band 7 and 8a
5. **Do you have any Cardiac Physiologists / Clinical Cardiac Scientists providing pediatric or/and ACHD echocardiograms? Are they congenital heart disease accredited? Please specify the services and the banding.**
 - a. ACDH clinic with non-CHD accredited physiologist (B7). Supervised by Cardiology Consultants.
6. **How many Cardiac Physiologists / Clinical Cardiac Scientists resigned from the echocardiography department in the last 24 months.**
 - a. 0
7. **Details of any recruitment and retention premia (R&R) offered for Cardiac Physiologists / Clinical Cardiac Scientists.**

- a. 12%
8. **The number of Cardiac Physiologists / Clinical Cardiac Scientists locums or bank staff hired at a premium rate? (change this to in the last 24 months?)**
- a. 1
9. **Any outsourced Cardiac Physiologist/Healthcare Scientist services, if applicable. If such services are outsourced, please specify the percentage of echocardiography work outsourced on weekdays and weekends/bank holidays and what is the yearly cost for the echocardiography outsourced services?**
- a. N/A

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Administrator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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