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### Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 02/11/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

1. **Please can you provide the average number of FTE vacancies for each year from FY2016/17 to FY2020/21 for the following 4 specialties. Please can you also state what the vacancy rate was as a percentage of the total FTEs in each staffing category:**
  - a. **Anaesthetists**  
Please see answers in below attachment.
  - b. **Mental Health nurses**  
The Trust is not a primary provider of mental health services so therefore are unable to answer any questions relating to mental health.
  - c. **Midwives**  
Please see answers in below attachment.
  - d. **Obstetricians**  
Please see answers in below attachment.



FOI Excel File  
VO2.xlsx

The Trust is unable to provide data for the years 2016-2017 as we do not hold data back that far on our electronic systems. Therefore, is not in a readily retrievable format. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Please note that any other blank fields indicate that we did not have any data to report for that specific staff group for that year.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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