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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding non-substantive sonographers.

The Trust can provide the following information:

Can you please provide me with the answers to the questions written below, with regard to locum (agency) or non-substantively employed sonographers or radiographers performing ultrasound investigations used for your organisation. The information required is for the period 1st April 2014 to 30th November 2104 inclusive:

1. Your establishment for whole time equivalent substantive sonographers – 11.4
2. Vacancy rate for sonographers – 26%
3. Number of whole time equivalent agency use – 3.0
4. Number of independently contracted sonographers used – 0.0
5. Number of ultrasound machines in the imaging or radiology department – 5.0
6. Number of ultrasound machines greater than 5 years old - 0

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk , in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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