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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the funding of cancer clinical nurse specialists.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. How many **clinical nurse specialists in cancer** care does your organisation currently employ? Please provide a whole-time equivalent figure.

We currently employ the following CNS posts by band and tumour group;

- Gynaecology 1 FTE band 7 Cancer
- Lung 1 FTE x Band 7 Cancer
- Upper GI 1 FTE x Band 7 Cancer
- Breast 2 FTE x Band 7 Cancer
- Acute Oncology 1 FTE x Band 7 (current post holder leaving new appointment made but will have 2 month gap)
- Palliative Care 3 FTE x Band 7 all end of life care
- Urology , 1x Band 7 FTE Cancer 1x Band 7 (benign) 1x Band 5 FTE covering both Cancer and Benign
- Colo-Rectal; 1 x Band 7 FTE 1x Band 6 FTE 1 x Band 5 1 FTE (Stoma care nurse) (.5 FTE Cancer) 1x Band 7 1 FTE (.2 FTE in Cancer)
- 1 Cancer support nurse Band 6 .5 FTE

2. Please provide a breakdown (using whole-time equivalent figures) to show how many of these clinical nurse specialists in cancer work in each of the following bands:
 - a) Band 5
 - b) Band 6
 - c) Band 7

See question 1

3. How many clinical nurse specialist **posts** in cancer care are there in your organisation? This is asking about positions available rather than nurses employed.
Above is the list for the Clinical Nurse specialists that work within the Cancer and Palliative Care teams apart from the outgoing AOS CNS whose post has been appointed to we have no vacancies
4. How many of those vacant posts are funded by a charity?
We have no externally funded CNS posts

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5. Please provide a breakdown stating **who pays for all the clinical nurse specialist posts** in your organisation. For instance, provide a figure for how many are funded by your organisation/NHS and then a figure for each other organisation funding the posts, stating the organisation/charity's name.

All are funded by the Trust

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