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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2614

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Paediatrics In-Patients at Homerton hospital.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- 1. Do you have in-patient paediatric beds within your Trust? Yes**
If the answer is yes, please also answer questions 2-4.
- 2. In-patient paediatrics – do you use a specific tool to set staffing levels? If so, what tool?**
At present there is no nationally recognised safer nursing tool used within paediatrics. But we as a guide use the Royal College Nursing safer staffing recommendations. Also on a monthly basis the Trust does the safer staffing report of on what is actually planned, the actual shifts covered and what is the variance on this.
- 3. In-patient paediatrics – how many of your nursing staff is trained in APLS? Is there an APLS trained nurse on duty for each shift?**
All our nursing staffs have additional training of PLs as newly qualified, then all staff will do their EPLS.
- 4. In-patient paediatrics – how many of your nursing staffs are trained in tracheostomy care?**
5 staffs are trained to care for child with tracheostomy. The number of children that have been admitted to the ward in the last 5 years has been one. The majority of the children who would be known to have tracheostomy will be nursed at one of the larger London Hospitals.
- 5. Is there a tracheostomy trained nurse on duty for each shift? No**

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Yours sincerely

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