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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2924

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the use of GP's in A&E department at Homerton hospital.

The Trust can provide the following information:

***is the Trust planning to use GPs within any of its emergency departments over the winter months?**

We currently have full time GPs working in ED based in our co-located Urgent care centre.

We have GP trainees as part of our core ED trainees.

We also have x1 clinical fellow working in ED who also happens to be a local GP.

We also have x2 initiates:

1. in order to extend the Urgent care centre hours with a GP
2. To have a GP who sees children in our children's ED who the Urgent Care centre would not normally see but has the support of the ED and Paediatric medical teams

***has the Trust recruited/is the Trust planning to recruit GPs to staff its emergency departments over the winter months? If so, how many will be/have been recruited? If so, please confirm (i) the cost of recruitment and (ii) the planned duration of the post(s).** No additional recruitment from the above.

***If the Trust is planning to use GPs in A&E departments, how will they fit into the current system/how will they be used?** No additional recruitment from the above.

***If the Trust is planning to use GPs in A&E departments, why is this necessary?** No additional recruitment from the above.

***If the Trust is NOT planning to use GPs in A&E departments, will it be necessary to employ more consultants/nurses/locums for this coming winter? If so, why?**

We continually review our staffing and additional locums are requested where the medical staffing is felt to be weak or less than ideal such as through sickness. We have an action plan regarding consultancy recruitment but this is irrelevant of the time of year.

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Yours sincerely

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