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Information requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could I request the following information from your trust:

1. In your organisation, do you employ "job planning" for pharmacists (job planning in this instance is typically the division of a working week into half day "sessions" allocated to commitments such as clinical work, development, supporting professional activities time, teaching, research, etc)?
2. How many pharmacists do you employ? Please state headcount
3. Of the pharmacists that you employ, how many have job plans?
- 4a. For each pharmacist with a job plan, please provide the proportion of contracted hours allocated to protected* time for supporting professional activities (SPA), also known as protected learning time or professional development time
- 4b. For each pharmacist without a job plan, please provide the proportion of contracted hours allocated to protected time for supporting professional activities (SPA), also known as protected learning time or professional development time
5. If it is not possible to provide an answer to question 4a or 4b, please provide the recommended allocation to supporting professional activities (SPA), also known as protected learning time or professional development time, in hours per week for a full-time employed pharmacist.

*For the purposes of this FOI request, protected is defined as a time allocation that should be uninterrupted and dedicated to non-mandatory training and development, although this may not always be the case.

Response:

The State Hospital does not employ pharmacists; we have a service level agreement with NHS Lothian who provide this service.

For all questions, we give notice that we do not hold the information requested. (FOISA Section 17)

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