**FOI Ref: 6404**

**Category(ies): Staff - Structure**

**Subject: Hospital Social Workers**

**Date Received: 25/05/2022**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| 'Hospital social workers' include employees registered with a social work regulator, who spend more than 50% of their working time facilitating hospital discharge or providing other social work services to inpatients of acute NHS services, **excluding** mental health.  'Non-social work registered staff' includes staff who provide a similar service to social workers, but who are not registered with a social work regulator.  Please **do not** include any staff whose posts are funded by the NHS or other bodies, but whose contract of employment is with the local authority. | |
| 1. Number of hospital social workers currently employed by your Trust (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies) | The Trust does not have a social work team; therefore, we are unable to answer these questions. |
| 1. Number of non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (care managers, assessment officers, assistant social workers etc) (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies) | The Trust does not have a social work team; therefore, we are unable to answer these questions |
| 1. Number of vacancies for social workers and non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (expressed as number of posts and Full Time Equivalent) | The Trust does not have a social work team; therefore, we are unable to answer these questions |
| 1. Are these hospital social workers managed by a registered social worker? | The Trust does not have a social work team; therefore, we are unable to answer these questions |
| 1. Do these hospital social workers have an office base within an NHS hospital / other NHS premises? | The Trust does not have a social work team; therefore, we are unable to answer these questions |
| 1. If your Trust does not employ hospital social workers, please give the name of the body that does employ hospital social workers in your area. | Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC)    The Following link is the Freedom of Information Page for RMBC and a request can be made to them through the online form located on this page.  https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/consultation-feedback/freedom-information-request-foi/1?adlt=strict |