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# Epilepsy - Neurology Workforce

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*Dear FOI Team,*

*I am writing to request some information under the Freedom of Information act. I am requesting this information to understand the UK neurology workforce providing care to people with epilepsy.*

*These questions are applicable to any Trust that provides either **neurology, maternity or learning disability care**. Please answer all of the questions that are relevant to your trust, and mark those that are not relevant clearly as such with a reason (e.g. 'Not applicable as we do not provide maternity care').*

*Please could you provide the following (including both the number of individuals and FTE for each question, and job titles where asked):*

			Response
1	The number of neurologists employed within your Trust, including:	-	-
1a	The total number of neurologists	Number:	6 (soon to be 7) 1 Neurorehab Consultant 1 GPWSI Headache/Speciality Doctor in Neurology
		FTE:	5.5WTE (soon to be 6.5WTE) 1WTE Neurorehabilitation Consultant 0.8WTE GP/Spec Doctor
1b	The number of which are adult neurologists	Number:	6
		FTE:	5.5
1c	The number of which are paediatric neurologists	Number:	0
		FTE:	
1d	How many adult neurologists are epileptologists	Number:	0
		FTE:	
1e	How many paediatric neurologists are epileptologists	Number:	N/A
		FTE:	

1f	<i>If you do not employ neurologists, please provide details of who provides your neurology services</i>	<i>Name of provider:</i>	N/A
2	<i>The number of epilepsy specialist nurses (ESNs) employed within your Trust, including:</i>	<i>Number:</i>	3
		<i>FTE:</i>	2.8
2a	<i>The number of which are adult ESNs</i>	<i>Number:</i>	3
		<i>FTE:</i>	2.8
2b	<i>The number of which are paediatric ESNs</i>	<i>Number:</i>	0
		<i>FTE:</i>	0
2c	<i>How many adult ESNs have Learning Disability expertise</i>	<i>Number:</i>	
		<i>FTE:</i>	
2d	<i>How many paediatric ESNs have Learning Disability expertise</i>	<i>Number:</i>	0
		<i>FTE:</i>	0
3	<i>The number of learning disability nurses who have epilepsy expertise</i>	<i>Number:</i>	See below
		<i>FTE:</i>	<i>Learning disability epilepsy nurses employed by and work for DPT not the RDUH, although are involved with some of our outpatients</i>
4	<i>The number of staff working within obstetrics who have epilepsy expertise, and their job titles</i>	<i>Number:</i>	0
		<i>FTE:</i>	
		<i>Job titles:</i>	
4a	<i>Within this number, how many midwives have epilepsy expertise</i>	<i>Number:</i>	
		<i>FTE:</i>	
5	<i>The number of staff working within neurology who have expertise in obstetrics, and their job titles</i>	<i>Number:</i>	0
		<i>FTE:</i>	
		<i>Job titles:</i>	