

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. Does your Trust employ a diabetes inpatient specialist nurse? For clarity, a nurse specialising in diabetes care for inpatients in your hospitals.
The Trust has small community rehabilitation units but does not employ an inpatient specialist diabetic nurse specifically for these.
2. Does your Trust record the number of days on average that patients with diabetes spend as inpatients in your hospital, and if so, what is this figure for 2018?
The Trust does not record information to be able to differentiate diabetic patients length of stay.
3. If you do record the above information (from question 2), how does this compare to the average number of days spent in hospital by patients without diabetes?
As above N/A
4. Does your Trust employ a multidisciplinary foot care team to manage diabetes related amputations and if so, what is the staff mix?
In West Essex EPUT and Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) jointly provide the Multi-disciplinary Foot Team. EPUT Community Trust provide 1.4 wte Specialist Diabetes Podiatrists (Band 7), and 0.1 wte Orthotist Band 7) for this team.

In South Essex EPUT Podiatry Foot Protection Service employs Podiatrists who provide an integrated service within a multi-disciplinary Integrated Diabetes Service, a joint service provided by Community and Secondary care as well as integration within a multi-disciplinary foot care pathway across primary, community and secondary care service. The integrated Diabetes Services has Dieticians, Diabetes Nurse Specialists, Diabetes Nurse Educators, Podiatrists, and Consultants and have recently appointed a Psychologist to commence early 2019.