

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 22/02/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1) How many psychotherapists and counsellors have been employed by the Trust since 2012-present? Can these numbers be provided by year?

No psychotherapists or counsellors have been employed by the Trust since 2012 – present.

2) How many third-party psychotherapists and counsellors (or psychotherapy and counselling services) are not directly employed by the Trust, but treat the trust's patients through referrals, since 2012? Can these numbers be given by year.

In 2012, psychotherapy and counselling services were outsourced. The number of counsellors and psychotherapists is therefore not known. I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate the information that you have requested.

From 2013, there has been third party provision on site. From 2013 to 2018, there was 1 counsellor. For 2018/19, this increased to 2 counsellors.

3) Could you please provide information on what standards the Trust requires candidates to meet, in order to be employed with the job title psychotherapist or counsellor. Is there a policy on what training or accreditation is necessary, in order to apply for these job roles within the Trust?

Not applicable.

4) Could you please provide any information as to whether any policy or background check process for hiring psychotherapists and counsellors is also applied to third party care providers who the Trust might refer patients to.

Not applicable.