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REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. On how many occasions was a i) locum employed to ensure medical rotas were filled and ii) bank staff to ensure nursing rotas were filled for children's services during each calendar year from 2010 to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive?

Date Range : April 2010 - Aug 2018	
Number of Agency Medic:	1294
Number of Agency Nursing (Qualified):	541
Number of Agency Nursing assistants :	10
Number of Bank staff All Staff Groups :	690

Please be aware that we are only able to provide the data from 2014, when allocate system was introduced

2. On how many occasions has your paediatric inpatient unit (if you have one) temporarily suspended new admissions during each calendar year from 2010 to 2018 (Year to Date). Please detail the reasons why the unit temporarily did not accept new admissions, for example because staffing shortages.

It has not been possible to provide information for the years of 2010 to 2013.

2014/15 – on 7 separate occasions/dates, admissions were temporarily suspended due to the paediatric wards being full to capacity. 11 patients were affected who were transferred to other regional hospitals after being seen in A&E.

2015/16 – on 10 separate occasions/dates, admissions were temporarily suspended due to the paediatric wards being full to capacity. 10 patients were affected who were transferred to other regional hospitals after being seen in A&E.

2016/17 - on 6 separate occasions/dates, admissions were temporarily suspended due to the paediatric wards being full to capacity. 10 patients were affected who were transferred to other regional hospitals after being seen in A&E.

2017/18 – there were no occasions when admissions were suspended on the paediatric wards.

2018 to date – on 2 separate occasions/dates, admissions were temporarily suspended due to the paediatric wards being full to capacity. 4 patients were affected who were transferred to other regional hospitals after being seen in A&E.

3. If your Trust allows parents/guardians to sleep next to their child, if their child is receiving treatment, do you charge the parent/guardian for a bed in these situations? If so what is the charge per night?

There is no charge to parents for staying overnight with their child whilst an inpatient. We actively encourage parents/carers to stay with their child overnight. Each inpatient bed on the ward has a fold down adult bed for parent's use at the bedside.

4. Does your Trust hire a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) play specialist and does it run a play specialist service?

The Trust has 2.52 FTE play specialists across the two paediatric wards and phlebotomy clinic, who provide play and distraction therapy to all inpatients and children attending for blood tests and investigations.

5. What is i) your Trust's budget for a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) play specialist and ii) your Trust's budget for play specialist services? Please outline the budget for each financial year from 2010/11 through to 2017/18.

The budget for 18/19 is £91,192 for the FTE 2.52 play specialists. In 2017/18, the budget was £89,732 and in 2016/17, the budget was £90,384. Prior to 2016/17, our budgets are not available in this format.