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Thank you for your request concerning psychotherapists and counsellors.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

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

	Number of Psychotherapists and Counsellors
2012	30
2013	37
2014	16
2015	23
2016	26
2017	27
2018	27

- 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.**

	Number of third-party therapists
2012 -2014	First service user was seen in 2015
2015	3
2016	6
2017	3
2018	2
2019	3

**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?**

All Psychotherapists and Counsellors we employ have a full registration with a professional body which they are required to maintain as part of their contract of employment. These bodies include the UKCP, BPC, BACP.

**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.**

All staff and volunteers employed or contracted by the third party have a satisfactory DBS check and 2 references.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

*Sue Smith*

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Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

