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Our Ref: FOI/04319

Thank you for your request concerning chaplains and chaplaincy.

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

**I would like to request the following information, under a freedom of information request, relating to hospital Chaplains and Chaplaincy provision in your Trust.**

**Could you please provide the following information:**

1. **Are you:**
  - a. an acute Trust
  - b. a specialist centre / Trust
  - c. a community Trust
  - d. a mental health Trust
  - e. other, please specify:

This information is already in the public domain<sup>1</sup>. Please follow this [link](#) to our public website.

2. **In total how many beds do you have in your hospital(s)?**

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3. **How many staff by whole-time equivalent and headcount do you have in your hospital?**

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4. **The number of whole-time equivalent and headcount of substantive Chaplaincy Team members by faith/belief demographic:**

**Faith or Belief - Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) - Head Count**

Anglican  
Baptist  
Buddhist  
Christian (other than listed)  
Eastern Orthodox  
Hindu  
Humanist  
Islam / Muslim  
Jewish

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<sup>1</sup> Section 21 – Information is available through other means

**Methodist**  
**Pentecostal/Charismatic**  
**Presbyterian**  
**Quaker**  
**Roman Catholic**  
**Salvation Army**  
**Sikh**  
**United Reformed Church**  
**Other (please specify):**  
**Unknown**

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**5. The number of bank / temporary / zero hours contract Chaplaincy staff by faith/belief demographic:**

**Faith or Belief - Head Count**

**Anglican**  
**Baptist**  
**Buddhist**  
**Christian (other than listed)**  
**Eastern Orthodox**  
**Hindu**  
**Humanist**  
**Islam / Muslim**  
**Jewish**  
**Methodist**  
**Pentecostal/Charismatic**  
**Presbyterian**  
**Quaker**  
**Roman Catholic**  
**Salvation Army**  
**Sikh**  
**United Reformed Church**  
**Other (please specify):**  
**Unknown**

Zero

**6. The number of honorary Chaplaincy Team members by faith/belief demographic:**

**Faith or Belief - Head Count**

**Anglican**  
**Baptist**  
**Buddhist**  
**Christian (other than listed)**  
**Eastern Orthodox**  
**Hindu**  
**Humanist**  
**Islam / Muslim**  
**Jewish**  
**Methodist**  
**Pentecostal/Charismatic**  
**Presbyterian**  
**Quaker**  
**Roman Catholic**

Salvation Army  
Sikh  
United Reformed Church  
Other (please specify):  
Unknown

Zero

7. Does the Trust have Trainee Chaplain / Entry Level Chaplain (Band 5) roles?

No

8. If so, how many of the Chaplaincy Team are at this level (whole-time equivalent, headcount and religion/belief)?

Not applicable.

9. If so, are the positions permanent or fixed term?

Not applicable.

10. What is the rationale for Trainee / Entry Level chaplains within your Trust?

Not applicable.

11. Over the last 3 years has the Chaplaincy Team:

- a. increased in size
- b. remained the same in size
- c. decreased in size

If there is a change, please give the whole-time equivalent that has been reduced or increased.

b. remained the same in size

12. What steps or initiatives has the Chaplaincy Team taken to increase the diversity of service provision within your Trust?

We have updated the wording for recruitment to encourage all faiths to apply.

13. What spaces do you have for prayer, meditation or worship within your Trust, the number of each type of space and what activities regularly take place in each space?

Chapel  
Multifaith space  
Single faith prayer space  
Designated Muslim prayer space  
Quiet room / reflection space  
Meeting room space  
Counselling room space  
Other (please specify):

Quiet rooms are located on all sites. They are used as described as a quiet reflective space and by chaplains to see service users if appropriate.

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*

**Sue Smith**  
**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](#).

