

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-240	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
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**I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to inform my PhD in social work.**

**Please provide the following information via email;**

- 1. Number of hospital social workers currently employed by your Health Board (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)**  
The Health Board does not employ any social workers, they are all employed by the relevant Local Authorities.

- 2. Number of non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (care managers, assessment officers, assistant social workers etc) (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)**  
Please refer to Q1.

**Number of vacancies for social workers and non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (expressed as number of posts and Full Time Equivalent)**  
Please refer to Q1.

**Are these hospital social workers managed by a registered social worker?**  
Please refer to Q1.

- 3. Do these hospital social workers have an office base within an NHS hospital/other NHS premises?**  
Please refer to Q1.
- 4. If your Health Board does not employ hospital social workers, please give the name of the body that does employ hospital social workers in your area.**  
Please find the information required on the Health Board [webpages](#).

**'Hospital social workers' include employees registered with a social work regulator, who spend more than 50% of their working time facilitating hospital discharge or providing other social work services to inpatients of acute NHS services, excluding mental health. 'Non-social work registered staff' includes staff who provide a similar service to social workers, but who are not registered with a social work regulator. Please do not include any staff whose posts are funded by the NHS or other bodies, but whose contract of employment is with the local authority.**