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## REQUEST

I am trying to benchmark against other trusts in terms of the composition of the FOI Team and compliance.

1. Could you please tell me how many people (WTE) work in your FOI Team (if part of a wider scope IG role, please estimate for FOI) and what band they are.
2. For context here, it would be useful to know how many FOIs you received in 2021.
3. What FOI stats you publish (and a link to them) and how you calculate your compliance.

For the last point – I have referenced section 8 of the FOI Code of Practice and find it open to interpretation, so looking to see what other trusts do.

## RESPONSE

1) The processing of FOI requests is part of the Information Governance Teams remit, the Trust does not record the amount of time allocated by the team to process FOI requests. Band 7, 5, 4.

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3) All FOI requests and the responses are published on the Trust website: <https://www.sthk.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-guidance> and the compliance rate is included in the Annual Report which is also available on the Trust website.

The compliance is calculated based on the number of requests received and the number of those requests responded to within 20 working days.