

Ref. No: 1831
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Subject: neonatal and paediatric critical care pharmacy staffing levels.

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. For each centre within your trust that provides neonatal care, please answer:

- a. How many funded neonatal intensive care unit (ICU), neonatal high dependency unit (HDU) and special care baby unit (SCBU) cots are there?**

1 ICU bed, 1 HDU, 8 special care

- b. Does the centre have access to a senior pharmacist practising in neonatology at Agenda for Change (AFC) Band 8a or equivalent as a minimum?**

WOMEN & CHILDREN including Neonatal

- c. Does the centre have access to a senior pharmacist with experience in the provision of parenteral nutrition, where necessary?**

YES

- d. Do pharmacists working in neonatal care attend daily multidisciplinary ward rounds?**

NO

- e. How many pharmacists (whole time equivalent) working in neonatal care are active independent prescribers?**

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- f. Does the centre have access to medicines via the hospital dispensary 7 days a week, with regular stock top ups in accordance with demand, but no less than once a week?**

YES

- g. Does the centre have 5 day access to an aseptic and CIVA service where this is needed to provide bespoke parenteral nutrition or where there is substantial use of high risk intravenous medications?**

Yes

- h. Does the centre provide a five day or seven day neonatal service?**

FIVE

- i. If this varies for different beds, please answer the below separately for each service.**

- i. How many clinical pharmacists work in neonatal care (whole time equivalent), and at what AfC band?**

0.4

- ii. How many ward-based pharmacy technicians work in the neonatal care (whole time equivalent)?**

0

- 2. Does your trust have a paediatric critical care unit? For each paediatric critical care unit within your trust, please answer:**

No

- a. How many funded paediatric level 2 and level 3 critical care beds are in the unit?**

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- b. Does the unit have access to a senior pharmacist practising in paediatric critical care, funded at Agenda for Change (AFC) Band 8a or equivalent as a minimum?**

No

- c. Do pharmacists working in paediatric critical care attend daily multidisciplinary ward rounds?**

No

- d. How many pharmacists (whole time equivalent) in the unit are active independent prescribers?**

1.2 WTE

- e. **Does the unit have access to medicines via the hospital dispensary 7 days a week, with regular stock top ups in accordance with demand, but no less than once a week?**

Yes

- f. **Does the unit provide a five day or seven day service? If this varies for different beds, please answer the below separately for each service.**

Five day all beds

- i. **How many clinical pharmacists work in paediatric critical care (whole time equivalent), and at what AfC band?**

0

- ii. **How many ward-based pharmacy technicians work in the unit (whole time equivalent)?**

0

If possible, please share the above in an excel spreadsheet or CSV file.

There is no critical care unit at Ormskirk Hospital