

## **FOI 0488/2024 Response**

### **Request**

Please can I query some of the answers, which I found to be unclear and possibly inaccurate.

Your response says that 39 pharmacist vacancies were created in adult community mental health SMI teams in 2023/24 to date and only 4 of these have been filled.

However, the response to question 4 it says there is only one current unfilled vacancy for a pharmacist. Surely there should be 35 vacancies if only 4 out of 39 vacancies have been filled?

Please can you explain these figures and what happened to the other 35 pharmacist vacancies which were unfilled?

Also why were there 27 vacancies in 2022/2023 but 39 in 2023/2024 despite no pharmacists being employed that year? Was it decided that another 12 pharmacists were required in the teams, even though none had been employed so far?

### **Response**

On reviewing your request for information it was noted that the response provided for FOI 0458/2024 was not correct.

This is because the correct restrictions were not applied when pulling the data for your response and therefore, included repeated vacancies and roles that were not inline with the criteria of the request. This subsequently resulted in an incorrect response.

The response for 0458/2024 has been updated – please see below.

Please accept our apologies for this error, and moving forward for future requests additional restrictions will be applied when collating data for such requests.

**FOI 0458/2024 Updated Response**

Dear FOI team,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information on the number of pharmacist roles created in Adult Mental Health Severe Mental Illness (SMI) Community Care teams, as per the [NHS Mental Health Implementation Plan for 2019/20 – 2023/24 \(table on page 29\)](#):

1. Has your trust implemented an integrated primary and community care team for adults and older adults with severe mental illnesses as outlined on page 25 of the implementation plan linked above?

Yes

2. How many vacancies for pharmacists were created in Adult Mental Health (SMI) Community Care teams in each of the following financial years:
  - a. 2019/20: Unable to provide data
  - b. 2020/21: Unable to provide data
  - c. 2021/22: Unable to provide data
  - d. 2022/23: 3
  - e. 2023/24 to date: 2

Please note the following:

- For the time period of 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022, the data cannot be provided.

This is because as part of our recruitment process, we do not retain this data beyond the 12month mark.

- The data provided for 2023/2024 cover vacancies from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to February 2024.

3. How many pharmacists were in place in Adult Mental Health (SMI) Community Care teams in each of the following financial years:
  - a. 2019/20: 0
  - b. 2020/21: 1
  - c. 2021/22: 0
  - d. 2022/23: 0
  - e. 2023/24 to date: 4

4. How many current unfilled vacancies are there for pharmacists in Adult Mental Health (SMI) Community Care teams?

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