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*Please see below an FOI request about Theatre Services:*

1) *What title does the role in charge of the dept have and what grade is it*

The person in charge holds the title 'Theatre Services Manager'. This person manages Main Theatres, Day Stay Theatres, Anaesthetics and Post-Op Recovery areas. The position is graded at Band 8b which refers to the Agenda for Change NHS gradings although the pay scale may be different as most staff at Southend Hospital are employed under local terms and conditions.

2) *How many theatres do you have*

In total the Trust has 17 theatres (13 under the management of the above person) and the remaining theatres are department based, for instance within ophthalmology and maternity where the management comes under staff within these clinical departments.

3) *How many whole time equivalents do you have*

In areas listed under 1) above, the establishment is 217.68 WTE.

4) *Do you use agency staff*

Yes, when required in all theatre areas, but not in Post-Op recovery areas.

5) *What is your sickness levels for the last 12 months*

Figures available covering the year to date ending 31/07/ indicate sickness absence levels as follows:

- Main Theatres - 4.56%,
- Day Stay Theatres - 3.71%,
- Anaesthetics - 0.66% and
- Post-Op Recovery - 2.79%.

6) *What is your theatre utilisation by specialty for the last 12 months*

- Cardiology - 16%
- Rheumatology - 45%
- General Surgery - 83%
- ENT - 72%
- Trauma & Orthopaedics - 68%
- Ophthalmology - 57%
- Clinical Oncology -54%
- Urology - 72%

- Plastics - 71%
- Oral Surgery - 65%
- Gynaecology - 79%
- Pain Management - 69%

NB: These figures relate to elective surgery only and have been extracted from the Trust's Sapphire theatre computer system for the 12 month period ending 31/10/11.

7) *How long are your theatre sessions?*

Elective Theatre sessions are 4 hours of planned duration.