

# Request title: Consultants opting out of weekend on-call working

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Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

## Request

How many full-time consultants work at your hospital?

How many of these have opted out of the weekend on call rota?

## Reply:

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust can confirm that it employs 262 full-time Consultants.

The Trust does not formally operate an opt out process for weekend on call. Instead the arrangement detailed in the 'Consultant's Terms and Conditions' is followed as set out below:

"Non-emergency work after 7pm and before 7am during weekdays or at weekends will only be scheduled by mutual agreement between the consultant and his or her clinical manager. Consultants will have the right to refuse non-emergency work at such times. Should they do so there will be no detriment in relation to pay progression or any other matter.

Where a consultant is required to participate in an on-call rota, the Job Plan will set out the frequency of the rota".