

Request title: Vlu Vaccination

Date of Response: 5th October 2015

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

Request and reply

What is the job title of the Trust lead for the flu vaccination programme?

The Medical Director is the Trusts lead for the Flu vaccination programme.

Royal Devon and Exeter FT was reported by the PHE to have vaccinated 36.6% of direct care staff in 2014/15. Is this figure accurate and were there particular reasons for this seemingly low immunisation rate?

The figure is accurate. Poor national publicity about the effectiveness of the flu vaccination did not help.

Please supply a copy of the most recent flu plan for 2015/16.

Please see the attached documents – both national and local (in progress).

Do staff receive a free chocolate bar or something similar after receiving the flu vaccine?

No.

I am interested to know if the staff sickness rates increase during the winter months when flu is prevalent, although I realise that for instance in 2014/15 there was a significant mismatch of the vaccine and the actual flu virus.

Could I please have a monthly listing of staff sickness from April 2013 to July 2015 for all Trust staff. If possible, are the monthly number of sick days available, or alternatively please supply whatever measure is generally used for staff sickness

Please see below the Monthly Rate of sickness for the whole Trust for the period April 2013 to July 2015. The monthly figure given is the total amount of contracted time lost to Sickness Absence, expressed as a percentage of the total amount of contracted time available in the month.

2013-14:

Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
3.72%	3.55%	3.62%	3.62%	3.69%	3.93%	3.91%	4.03%	4.20%	4.33%	4.23%	3.91%

2014-15

Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
3.68%	3.41%	3.77%	4.30%	3.79%	3.79%	4.12%	4.00%	4.20%	4.46%	3.95%	3.91%

2015-16

Apr	May	Jun	Jul
3.95%	3.81%	3.60%	3.91%