

**RE: Freedom of Information Request 201718 / 020 – Addiction Services**

Your Query	Date of Request	April 2017
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) staffing for NHS addiction treatment services in your board area on 1 April 2016 and 1 April 2017? (please include permanent and fixed term contracts).</li> <li>2. What was the average patient caseload number for WTE NHS addiction staff in April 2016 and April 2017?</li> </ol>		
Response		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NHS Orkney employed 5 permanent WTE equivalent staff as part of our addiction treatment service on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. These were 3 WTE registered nurse posts and 2 WTE clinical support worker posts. Staffing levels on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 were identical.</li> <li>2. The average patient caseload on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 was approximately 40 patients per registered nurse WTE and 20 patients per clinical support worker WTE.  The average patient caseload on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 was approximately 40 patients per registered nurse WTE and 25 patients per clinical support worker WTE.</li> </ol>		