

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/280**  
**Substance Teams in A&E**

Could you kindly provide the following details regarding your substance misuse coverage in each of your A&E departments:

- **What hours during the week are substance misuse teams available in each A&E department?**

The Substance Misuse Liaison Team are available Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 17:00.

- **What hours during the weekend are substance misuse teams available in each A&E department?**

The team do not currently work weekends, although there is a plan to do so.

- **How many dedicated staff members (e.g. nurses, counsellors, social workers) are allocated to manage cases related to substance misuse in each of your A&E departments?**

There are currently two Band 7 nurses and one Band 6 nurse in the team; there is a vacant Band 6 post which will be filled by secondment in August 2024; and a vacant Band 3 post which is awaiting approval for recruitment.

- **How many patients were seen by each substance misuse team in the last 12 months (May 2023 – April 2024)?**

The SMLT saw 859 patients between 1 May 2023 and 30 April 2024.