

Older persons nurses and OT's

Request

- 1) The number of band 5 vs band 6 mental health nurses working in older person's mental health teams

Also could you tell me please:

- 2) If the occupational therapists working with these teams are care co-ordinators and carry out memory assessments/assist with diagnosis (not just OT assessments) as part of their role

Our Response

- 1) Our five Mental Health Services for Older People (MHSOP) inpatient wards are funded for 3 WTE Band 6 posts and 53.5 WTE Band 5 posts.

Our Community Teams within our Mental Health Services for Older People (MHSOP) are funded for 40 WTE Band 6 posts and 13.9 WTE Band 5 posts.

Recent recruitment means that there are enough staff within the HR process to take the wards to full establishment. In the interim staff are moved to support areas as required and wards are staffed through agency and bank staff.

- 2) Occupational Therapists working on the wards do not act as care co-ordinators. However, Occupational Therapists working with the teams do carry out memory assessments and assist with diagnosis through cognitive assessments.