

Safer Staffing November 2018

Dorset HealthCare

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Staffing Report for November 2018

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust reports on nursing staffing levels for all of its wards.

The Trust Board receives regular information of ward staffing levels. The report included the planned versus actual number of staffing hours per ward day and night as submitted to the Department of Health. It includes nurses on duty who do not appear on the rota, for example ward sisters. This is published on NHS Choices. This part of the report is shown on page 3.

The table overleaf shows average fill rates for registered nurses and non-registered care staff by ward in the day and at night for the month. The average fill rates are the total hours worked as a percentage of the hours expected to be worked on the ward from the roster.

If an average fill rate is below 100%, the number of hours worked by that particular staff group has been below expected levels during the month and if over 100% then more hours than expected have been worked. Staffing levels may be over 100% because additional support staff have been brought in to work a shift if the number of registered nurses available is lower than planned; or additional staff are required when patients require higher levels of support.

