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Freedom of Information Officer

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Dear Ms Cameron-Chileshe

Your request for information received on 3 January 2019 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

May you please supply me with the following information.

1. Are the blood disorders, Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia included within the undergraduate and postgraduate curriculum for nursing and midwifery students
2. Is the teaching of the blood disorders, Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia, a mandatory part of the curriculum
3. How many hours of clinical teaching do student nurses and midwives receive on Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia
4. As part of their course, do students gain practical experiences of caring for sickle cell / thalassaemia patients
5. If you believe contents of any such files are exempt from disclosure, please provide summaries of any such exempt files.
6. If this request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions and exemptions by reference to specific exemptions under the Act.

University Response

1. **Child** - these haemoglobinopathies are taught in both the acute and long term year 2 modules PHC2000 and PHC2001. **Adult** - Yes in long term conditions haemoglobinopathies are covered. **Midwifery** - Teaching on Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia is included within the undergraduate curriculum for midwifery students undertaking both the three year and shortened midwifery programmes.
2. **Child** - They are not mandatory but it is recognised that with a diverse community and the health care provision our students access it is important and necessary to include in the curriculum. **Adult** - Yes a lead lecture with self-directed preparatory and post session

consolidation work. **Midwifery** - Yes, teaching on these disorders is a mandatory part of the curriculum.

3. **Child and Adult**- 6hrs contact time and further hrs of pre-session and post session non-contact time/directed on line activity. Student **midwives** on the shortened midwifery programme have a full day of teaching devoted to these conditions. Students on the three year programme have a three hour theoretical session on Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia. However, this is covered in additional sessions when reflecting on care given in clinical practice.
4. **Child** - Yes they gain experience in acute in-patient and ambulatory settings (e.g. Wards, Outpatient Departments, A&E, and Paediatric Assessment Care Units). **Adult** - Yes if there is a patient on placement at the same time as the student and they are in a trust that manages sickle cell patients. Students on the shortened **midwifery** programme have the opportunity to attend a specialist centre for 1 day and care for women with these conditions when they present in midwifery practice. Students on both programmes will look after women with these conditions when the present for midwifery care.

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mr David Malpas, Director of Student Affairs, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 5830, d.malpas@mdx.ac.uk within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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