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Response Due: 5th November 2024

Date: 31st October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 8th October 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Please answer the following five questions under the Freedom of Information Act and see example answers as a guide.

- 1. How many registered [normally band 4] nursing associates does your trust employ? [For example: 20]**
27.
- 2. In the last 12 months (September 2023-24), how many registered [normally band 4] nursing associates at your trust is your nursing lead (ie: chief nurse or nurse director or most senior nurse) aware of that have applied to do a 'Registered nursing top up' course? [For example: 15]**
7 applicants.
- 3. In the last 12 months (September 2023-24), how many registered [normally band 4] nursing associates at your trust have completed a 'Registered nursing top up' course? [For example: 10]**
4 completed.
 - i. Of those who have completed the course, how many now work as registered nurses at the trust? [For example: 8]**
4 employed as Band 5 RN's.

4. **How many 'Registered nursing top up' training places did your trust fund in the last 12 months, (September 2023-24) using the apprenticeship levy? [For example: 10]**
7. 6 full time and 1 part time.

5. **What criteria must a registered [normally band 4] nursing associates meet to qualify for funding for a 'Registered nursing top up' training place from your trust? [For example: 'They need to have worked at the trust for at least one year and completed their nursing associate training under Nursing and Midwifery Council approved curriculum']**

The Trust has a specific job description and persons specification for the Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship. This includes essential criteria such as Completion of the Foundation Degree Nursing Associate Programme or Assistant Practitioner programme, completion of preceptorship, Maths & English GCSE Grade C / 4 or Level 2 Functional Skills. The essential criteria within the person specification is split into sections Qualifications, Skills & Attributes, Knowledge & personal attributes

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Juliette Tait
Chief People Officer

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