

FOI REF: 24/118

7th March 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

I am writing to you to request the following information:

- 1) The number of physician associates, employed by your NHS trust, broken down by financial year, since 2010.**

Please see the table below for the number of physician associates employed within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust for the period requested:

Financial Year	Nursing Associate
2009/10	0
2010/11	0
2011/12	0
2012/13	0
2013/14	0
2014/15	0
2015/16	0
2016/17	0
2017/18	0
2018/19	0
2019/20	0
2020/21	4
2021/22	7
2022/23	15

2) The number of nursing associates, employed by your NHS trust, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

Please see the table below for the number of nursing associates employed within the Trust for the period requested:

Financial Year	Physician Associate
2009/10	0
2010/11	0
2011/12	0
2012/13	0
2013/14	0
2014/15	0
2015/16	0
2016/17	0
2017/18	0
2018/19	0
2019/20	3
2020/21	3
2021/22	3
2022/23	5

3) The number of anaesthesia associates, employed by your NHS trust, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

Please see the table below for the number of anaesthesia associates employed within the Trust for the period requested:

Financial Year	Anaesthesia Associate
2009/10	0
2010/11	0
2011/12	0
2012/13	0
2013/14	0
2014/15	0
2015/16	0
2016/17	0
2017/18	0
2018/19	0
2019/20	0
2020/21	0
2021/22	0
2022/23	0

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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