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## 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:

- 1. The number of SHO doctor shifts (FY2/ST1/ST2/CT1/CT2) covered by physician associates at the Trust between December 2023 - May 2024.**

None. A Physician Associates would never cover a doctor's shift.

- 2. Each time a physician associate has covered a SHO doctor shift, please provide the date and unit where the shift took place.**

Not applicable.

- 3. The number of physician associates employed by the Trust.**

As of 31st May 2024, the Trust employed 6 whole time equivalent Physician Associates.

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](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely

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