

FOI REF: 24/700

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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. How many registered [normally band 4] nursing associates does your trust employ?**

[As of the 4th November 2024 our Trust employs 27 Registered Nurse Associates.](#)

- 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**

[4 started in Sept 2023, 11 started in Sept 2024, 15 in total.](#)

- 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?**

[3.](#)

- a. Of those who have completed the course, how many now work as registered nurses at the trust?**

[3.](#)

- 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?**

[4 in Sept 23, 11 in Sept 24, 15 in total.](#)

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?

- This is a service led development which requires the support of the individual manager and Head of Nursing
- Applicants must be current substantive employees of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust working in the capacity of a Registered Nursing Associate or Assistant Practitioner
- Have completed at least 6 months consolidation of their NA or AP programme
- Have completed their preceptorship programme to consolidate their NA or AP programme
- Full compliance with mandatory training
- No current performance issues
- No ongoing investigations
- No outstanding disciplinary procedures
- Be working for a minimum of 30 hours per week (or prepared to work on commencing the programme)

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:

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Yours sincerely

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