

FOI REF: 25/083

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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:

**How many unfilled senior management (Band 8 and above) positions have you had in your Trust over the last five years?**

Financial Year	Total number of unfilled senior management figures ( <i>unfilled position meaning vacant for over 1 month</i> ) Full-Time Equivalent as of 31st March.
2024-25 (year to date)	26.0
2023-24	39.5
2022-23	22.6
2021-22	8.1
2020-21	-31.3

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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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  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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