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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000, please supply me with the following information about your registered nurse workforce, (if possible, laid out as below):

- 1) **Please state how many full-time (FT) equivalent registered nurses your trust employs at the following banding levels:**

Band	Number in 2026	Number in 2025	Number in 2024	Number in 2023	Number in 2022
7	480.7	496.8	480.7	480.7	390.6
8	73.6	62.4	66.7	66.7	56.9

- 2) (i) **If known, please state how many FT equivalent clinical nurse specialists your trust employs both now and in 2022, please show by AfC band if possible:**

Number of clinical nurse specialists employed at present time (at band?)	Number of clinical nurse specialists employed in 2022 (at band?)
178.0 WTE	187.6 WTE

Clinical Nurse Specialists - FTE		
Band	2026	2022
Band 6	47.8	68.2
Band 7	113.2	99.5
Band 8a	16.0	18.9
Band 8b	1.0	1.0
Grand Total	178.1	187.6

(ii) Areas of clinical practice covered (if it is possible to provide this info):

2026					
Specialty	Band 6	Band 7	Band 8a	Band 8b	Total
Audiology		0.5			0.5
Cardiology	8.8	14.4			23.3
Childrens Acute Service	2.0	3.8	2.8		8.6
Critical Care		11.7			11.7
Dermatology	2.0	3.4	1.0		6.4
Diabetes & Endocrinology	3.0	5.9			8.9
Endoscopy			5.5		5.5
ENT & MaxFax		2.0			2.0
Frailty	1.0				1.0
Gastroenterology		2.9			2.9
Gen/Br/Vasc Surg	0.5	8.2			8.7
Gynaecology		2.4			2.4
Human Resources Directorate		2.4			2.4
Infection Control	3.6		2.0	1.0	6.6
Looked After Children		7.2			7.2
Midwifery		10.4			10.4
Neurology		8.2	0.9		9.1
Ophthalmology	3.9				3.9
Outpatient Nursing	1.0				1.0
Pathology Lead		1.0			1.0
Planned Care Nursing	6.7	3.0			9.7
Planned Care Therapies	3.2	0.9			4.1
Respiratory	3.7	4.4			8.1
Rheumatology	3.9	3.0	1.0		7.9
Safeguarding Children		5.1	1.8		6.9
Stroke	4.5	2.5			7.1
Theatres DGH		2.0			2.0
Urology		8.0	1.0		9.0
Total	47.8	113.2	16.0	1.0	178.1

2022					
Specialty	Band 6	Band 7	Band 8a	Band 8b	Total
Acute Medicine		1.4			1.4
Audiology		1.0			1.0
Cardiology	6.8	10.2			17.0
Childrens Acute Service	1.8	5.9	2.9		10.6
Community Childrens Services		6.1			6.1
Community Rehab & Stroke Services	0.7	1.0			1.7
Critical Care		11.5	1.0		12.5
Dementia Care	0.4				0.4
Dermatology		3.6			3.6
Diabetes & Endocrinology	6.0	6.5			12.5
Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford CCG	3.3				3.3
Endoscopy			3.8		3.8
Engagement & Wellbeing		3.0			3.0
ENT & MaxFax		1.0			1.0
Gastroenterology		1.9			1.9
Gen/Br/Vasc Surg	4.3	3.0			7.3
Gynaecology		2.4	1.0		3.4
Hastings & Rother CCG	0.9				0.9
Infection Control	3.0		2.0	1.0	6.0
Midwifery		8.6			8.6
Neurology		3.8	1.7		5.5
Oncology		2.7			2.7
Ophthalmology	4.7				4.7
Outpatient Nursing Teams	1.0				1.0
Pathology Lead		1.0			1.0
Respiratory	5.8	3.2			8.9
Rheumatology	3.0	2.0	1.0		6.0
Safeguarding Children	1.8	4.8	1.5		8.1
Sexual Health	17.0	4.0			21.0
Stroke	4.0	2.6			6.6
Theatres	0.8				0.8
Therapy Service		1.0			1.0
Tissue Viability	3.0	2.0			5.0
Urology		5.2	4.0		9.2
Total	68.2	99.5	18.9	1.0	187.6

- 3) Finally, please state how many FT equivalent nurses your trust currently employs:

Total number of FT nurses employed by your trust at any banding level	2195.13
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I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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