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Subject: Trust's nursing associates (NAs) and the number who 'top up' their training to become registered nurses.

I would like information on your trust's nursing associates (NAs) and the number who 'top up' their training to become registered nurses.

'Registered nursing top up' is a shorter two-year degree or a nursing degree apprenticeship equivalent to a BSc in nursing that recognises prior certified learning and allows a registered nursing associate to become a registered nurse.

Please answer the following five questions under the Freedom of Information Act.

Q1 How many registered [normally band 4] nursing associates does your trust employ? [For example: 20]

A1 Five

Q2 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? [For example: 15]

A2 Zero

Q3 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? [For example: 10]

I. Of those who have completed the course, how many now work as registered nurses at the trust? [For example: 8]

A3 Two
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Q4 How many 'Registered nursing top up' training places did your trust fund in the last 12 months, (September 2023-24) using the apprenticeship levy? [For example: 10]

A4 Eight

Q5 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?

[For example: 'They need to have worked at the trust for at least one year and completed their nursing associate training under Nursing and Midwifery Council approved curriculum']

- A5 Successful completion of the Nurse Associate programme, GCSE English and Maths Grade A* to C (Level 9 to Level 4) / Level 2 Functional Skills in Maths and English, current employment in the organisation in a Nurse Associate role.