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8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

1. *The expected cost of the apprentice levy to Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Foundation Trust in 2017/18 in GBP*

£589,855

*As a share of your planned operating cost and total pay bill.*

- Apprentice Levy as a % of all operating costs = 0.21%
- Apprentice Levy as a % of pay costs = 0.32%

2. *The number of apprentices in Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Foundation Trust in 2016/17 and the number of apprentices planned for 2017/18.*

- 2016 / 17 - 51 people have completed an apprenticeship from April 2016 to 31 March 2017 Plus another 25 are working to complete their apprenticeship.
- 2017 / 18 – **Target** 116 new starts

3. *The number of those apprentices who are on a nursing apprenticeship.*

Our nursing career pathways are made up of a number of different elements and we anticipate we will have in the region of:-

- HCA Apprentices level 2 - **20 apprentices**

- HCA Apprentices level 3 - **30 – 40 apprentices (undertaking a variety of Apprenticeship pathways including Adult nursing, Theatres, AHP – therapy Support, Maternity, Children and Young People,**
- Trainee Nurse associates – **We do hope to have TNA Apprentices as soon as this standard has been approved and we can commission a Training Provider**
- Nurse Apprentices – **We do not envisage the Nursing apprenticeship will be offered by the HEI until Sept 2019**

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

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