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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:

Please find a new request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000:

1) *How many registered nurses (headcount) do you currently employ who are from the European Union (EU)/European Economic Area (EEA)? [I.e: these nurses were trained outside of the UK, but now work in England, and are from the EU or EEA]*

2) *Similarly, how many nurses did you employ from the EU/EEA in:*

April 2016

April 2015

April 2014

April 2013

This information reflects the nationality of individuals recorded on ESR, however, this does not necessarily mean that they trained outside the UK - we do not hold information on where staff qualified only that they are registered with the NMC.

23rd Feb 17 – 59

1st April 16 – 63

1st April 15 – 54

1st April 14 – 28

1st April 13 – 12

3) *In 2016, how many nurses trained outside the EU/EEA did your organisation recruit who were required to take the IELTS English language test?*

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/registration/joining-the-register/trained-outside-the-eueea/ielts/>

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4) *How many of these achieved less than the overall score of 7 that the Nursing and Midwifery Council requires for successful registration in the UK?*

N/A

Chairman: Robert Armstrong

Chief Executive: Andrew Foster CBE

5) *Please list any specific measures you are taking to address the potential short-term and long-term future shortage of registered nurses from the EU/EEA?*

The Trust is not currently progressing International Recruitment. Instead we are focusing efforts on local Recruitment, and seeking to inspire and support students into nursing careers.

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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