

Request title: Nursing, training budgets

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Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request and reply

I would like to request the following information about nurse training within your trust:

1. How many band 5, 6 and 7 and above nurses were employed as specialist nurses (also known as advanced practice nurses and nurse practitioners) within a chronic disease area in your trust in:
 - a. 2013/14?
Band 5 = 1.60; Band 6 = 35.99; Band 7 = 11.60
 - b. 2014/15?
Band 5 = 0.60; Band 6 = 47.97; Band 7 = 13.40
 - c. 2015/16?
Please see the Trust information for 2015 ytd Band 5 = 0.60; Band 6 = 45.64; Band 7 = 13.80
2. Do you have:
 - a. nursing preceptorship programme;
Yes, for newly registered staff.
 - b. a post-preceptorship career development programme in place?
The Trust supports and encourages on-going development through its PDR process.
3. How many of your employees were funded to take higher education courses in advanced nursing practice or specialist nursing in:
 - a. 2013/14?
 - b. 2014/15?
 - c. 2015/16?
The Trust is unable to answer this question as this information is not recorded centrally.
4. According to completed study leave forms, how many hours of education and training did the nurses in question 1 attend in:
 - a. 2013/14?
 - b. 2014/15?
 - c. 2015/16?
The Trust is unable to answer this question as this information is not recorded centrally.
5. Of the training hours completed by the nurses in question 4, how many were speciality specific training and how many were mandatory training?
The Trust is unable to answer this question as this information is not recorded centrally.
6. What is your trust doing to support the training of specialist nurses (also known as advanced practice nurses and nurse practitioners)?
The Trust is unable to answer this question as this information is not recorded centrally.
7. How much of the total budget for nurse training was in:
 - a. 2013/14?
 - b. 2014/15?
 - c. 2015/16?
There isn't a dedicated nurse training budget and therefore it isn't apportioned out in this way.