



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-495

Date: 27th November 2023

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 27th October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Trainee Anaesthesia Associate recruitment

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I would like information regarding the recruitment of trainee anaesthesia associates (AAs) at UHNM, as I note a job posting has appeared recently on NHS jobs.

Specifically I would like information regarding:

The name or job title of the person who first proposed the recruitment of trainee AAs and the date that this occurred.

A1 Not known

Q2 The existence of any working group, panel, or other body within the trust who were convened to discuss their recruitment.

A2 There is no specific working group, panel or body that was convened to discuss recruitment

Q3 The person or persons that sat on such a body as mentioned in (2) above, or their job titles and departments.

A3 Not applicable

Q4 Minutes of any meetings or summaries of any discussions or emails that have taken place on the recruitment of trainee AAs.

A4 Not applicable, see answer 5

Q5 The extent this proposal was discussed with internal/external stakeholders or employees inside the trust beyond those that sat on the body mentioned in (2) above.

A5 Information and advice was sought through NHSE in respect of pre-existing working frameworks in other Trusts that supported this role

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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Yours,





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