



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-754

Date: 13th March 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8th February 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding physician associates.

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 The number of physician associates, employed by your NHS Trust, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

A1 See below: We didn't have any physician associates prior to 2015.

Row Labels	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Physician Associate	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3

Q2 The number of nursing associates, employed by your NHS Trust, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

A2 See below:

Row Labels	2021	2022	2023	2024
Nursing Associate	2	12	10	21

Q3 The number of anaesthesia associates, employed by your NHS Trust, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

A3 None

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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