

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

I would like information on your trust's **nursing associates (NAs) and the number who 'top up' their training to become registered nurses.**

'Registered nursing top up' is a shorter two-year degree or a nursing degree apprenticeship equivalent to a BSc in nursing that recognises prior certified learning and allows a registered nursing associate to become a registered nurse.

Please answer the following five questions under the Freedom of Information Act and see example answers as a guide.

1. How many registered [normally band 4] nursing associates does your trust employ?

**20**

2. In the last 12 months (September 2023-24), how many registered [normally band 4] nursing associates at your trust is your nursing lead (ie: chief nurse or nurse director or most senior nurse) aware of that have applied to do a 'Registered nursing top up' course?

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3. In the last 12 months (September 2023-24), how many registered [normally band 4] nursing associates at your trust have completed a 'Registered nursing top up' course?

**0**

Of those who have completed the course, how many now work as registered nurses at the trust?

**0 (currently on programme)**

4. How many 'Registered nursing top up' training places did your trust fund in the last 12 months, (September 2023-24) using the apprenticeship levy?

**24**

5. What criteria must a registered [normally band 4] nursing associates meet to qualify for funding for a 'Registered nursing top up' training place from your trust?

**At this time for people to be in post prior to advancing onwards. They must meet the requirements and completed and passed the previous programs to meet entry requirements**

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