

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-485

26 June 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

Please could you provide information relating to Trainee Nurse Associate foundation degree apprenticeships currently offered by the University Hospitals Bristol and Weston Trust.

1. In each year since the Trust started offering an apprenticeship scheme for Nurse Associates, how many students have enrolled as Trainee Nurse Associate Apprenticeship scheme whilst undertaking the level 5 foundation degree. If possible, please indicate how many intakes of students there were in each year and how many trainees enrolled in each intake.

Cohort intakes	How many trainees enrolled?
Mar-24 cohort	27
Oct-23 cohort	13
Mar-23 cohort	27
Oct-22 cohort	24
Mar-22 cohort	20
Oct-21 cohort	14
Mar-21 cohort	15
Feb-20 cohort	6
Oct-19 cohort	7

2. In each year, by individual cohort if possible, excluding current trainees, what number and/or percentage of Trainee Nurse Associates did not complete their apprenticeship.

Cohort intakes	Total trainees	% Withdrawn
Oct-21 cohort	14	14%

Mar-21 cohort	15	40%
Feb-20 cohort	6	17%
Oct-19 cohort	7	0%

3. For existing cohorts of Trainee Nursing Associates, please state, by individual intake if possible, what number and/or percentage have already left their apprenticeship.

Cohort intakes	Total trainees	% Withdrawn
Mar-24 cohort	27	0%
Oct-23 cohort	13	0%
Mar-23 cohort	27	7%
Oct-22 cohort	24	21%
Mar-22 cohort	20	10%

4. If there are reasons recorded for the non-completion of the apprenticeship in 2 and 3 above, for example, failure to meet academic or clinical standards or for personal reasons, please provide the data.

The main reasons are: relocated area.

Please note that we have not provided this information in the requested format due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

5. Of those trainees who have successfully completed their apprenticeships, by individual cohort and/or year of intake, how many are working within the UHBW Trust as a Nursing Associate

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6. Of the students who successfully have successfully completed their apprenticeships, by cohort or year of intake, how many and/or what percentage have continued on to study for a degree, apprenticeship or otherwise, leading to qualification as a Registered Nurse and how many have, to date, have successfully completed the process.

Cohort intakes	Total trainees completed	% Progressed
Oct-21 cohort	11	36%
Mar-21 cohort	8	50%
Feb-20 cohort	5	40%
Oct-19 cohort	6	50%

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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