

**Quality and Governance Service**

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Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

**Original Request**

- 1) **At the start of the financial year 2014/15 (e.g. April 6, 2014) how many of the following did you employ or commission?**
  - i. District nurses?
  
- 2) **At the start of the financial year 2015/16 (e.g. April 6, 2015) how many of the following did you employ or commission?**
  - i. District nurses?
  - ?
  
- 3) **At this current date, how many of the following did you employ or commission?**
  - i. District nurses?
  
- 4) **How many of the following do you plan to employ or commission for the next financial year 2017/18?**
  - i. District nurses?
  
- 5) **If you plan to decommission or reduce any nursing services or posts in the coming year, please state the reason why:**
  
- 6) **Please provide a copy of the risk assessment around any reductions in nurse numbers.**

## Our Response

The figures provided below are for our Community Nursing staff. The title District Nurse is not used within this organisation.

**1) At the start of the financial year 2014/15 (e.g. April 6, 2014) how many of the following did you employ or commission?**

i. District nurses? 263.71 WTE

**2) At the start of the financial year 2015/16 (e.g. April 6, 2015) how many of the following did you employ or commission?**

i. District nurses? 266.07 WTE

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**3) At this current date, how many of the following did you employ or commission?**

i. District nurses? 259.7WTE

**4) How many of the following do you plan to employ or commission for the next financial year 2017/18?**

i. District nurses? 257 WTE

**5) If you plan to decommission or reduce any nursing services or posts in the coming year, please state the reason why:**

Minor reductions possible with skill mix to consider Associate Practitioners.

**6) Please provide a copy of the risk assessment around any reductions in nurse numbers**  
– Not applicable

I trust this satisfies your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours Sincerely

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