

22 March 2024

Our Ref: RFI 56764

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation the Number of Nurses referred to the Nursing &
Midwifery Council (NMC).**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above, which you requested on 19 February 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request, thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Nursing & Midwifery Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

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Appendix A

Q1. The number of nurses your organisation referred to the Nursing and Midwifery Council in each of the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

A1. Please see Table 1 for the number of nurses referred to the Nursing & Midwifery Council (MNC) from 2019 until 2023.

Table 1

Year	Number of Nurses referred to the NMC
2019	2
2020	4
2021	9
2022	3
2023	5

Q2. The number of Midwives your organisation referred to the Nursing and Midwifery Council in each of the following years 2019,2020,2021, 2022 and 2023.

A2. There have been no Midwives referred to the NMC within the timeframe provided.