

Our ref: FOI 3574

26th March 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please could you provide us with the following information relating to advanced practitioners:

1.

Please provide the total number of advanced practitioners employed in your Trust/Board for each of the years 2021 to 2025. If possible, please break this information down by department or specialty.

Response:

Please see spreadsheet attached.

2.

a) Please could you provide the salary range for advanced practitioners employed in your Trust/Board for each of the years 2021 to 2025.

b) Please could you provide the total salary expenditure for advanced practitioners employed in your Trust/Board for each of the years 2021 to 2025.

Response:

This information is not centrally held.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide the information you have requested as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. To obtain this information would require a manual search of a significant number of individual staff records, would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Furthermore, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can advise that it would require an extensive manual review of all advanced practitioners staff files just to ascertain if information relevant to your request is held. As such, we advise that there is no way to refine this request to bring it within the appropriate limit.

3.

Please could you provide the total number of hours worked by advanced practitioners employed in your Trust/Board for each of the years 2021 to 2025.

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4.

a) Please could you provide us with any existing documentation which describes the job duties and responsibilities of advanced practitioners within your Trust/Board.

b) If not covered in existing documentation, please confirm whether in your Trust/Board advanced practitioners ever

- i) make referrals to other specialties**
- ii) hold crash / emergency bleeps**

Response:

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Furthermore, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can advise that it would require an extensive manual review of all job descriptions for advanced

practitioners just to ascertain if information relevant to your request is held. As such, we advise that there is no way to refine this request to bring it within the appropriate limit.

5.

Within your Trust/Board, please could you tell us

- a) if advanced practitioners are ever deployed on medical rotas**
- b) if advanced practitioners are permitted to cover doctor rota gaps**
- c) what grade of doctors advanced practitioners are permitted to cover for**
- d) if merged/tiered/general rotas with mixed staffing groups are used and if so, which types and grades of clinicians appear on these rotas.**

Response:

No, Advanced Practitioners are not deployed on Medical Rotas or permitted to cover doctor rota gaps

6.

- a) Please provide us with a copy of bank shift rotas currently used for all medical and non-medical roles within your Trust/Board**
- b) Please provide us with the current hourly rate-range paid to advanced practitioners working bank shifts in your Trust/Board, broken down by years of service if applicable.**

Response:

Not applicable.

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