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Question	Response
The current number of physician associates currently employed in the Trust	31
The current number of anaesthesia associates currently employed in the Trust	0
A breakdown of the areas where physician associates are currently employed in the Trust by hospital and department	Please see table 2 below
A breakdown of the areas where anaesthesia associates are currently employed in the Trust by hospital and department	N/A
The current policies of the Trust applicable to the role of physician associates with a particular focus on their supervision, drug prescribing, and ordering of ionising radiation.	Physician Associates within the Southern Trust are supervised through standard line management arrangements; they do not prescribe drugs or order ionising radiation, and therefore there are no applicable policies which have this focus
The current policies of the Trust applicable to the role of anaesthesia associates with a particular focus on their supervision, drug prescribing, and ordering of ionising radiation	N/A
Any Trust policy or planning indicating future recruitment of physician associates	The Southern Trust may participate in the 2024 round of PA recruitment, which is co-ordinated regionally
Any Trust policy or planning indicating future recruitment of anaesthesia associates	No plans

Table 2

Hospital	Department	Breakdown
Lurgan Hospital	Adult Community Services	1
Daisy Hill Hospital	Paediatrics	1
Daisy Hill Hospital	Emergency Department	1
Daisy Hill Hospital	General Medicine	12
St Luke's Hospital	Mental Health	1
Blossom Unit	Mental Health	2
Craigavon Hospital	Paediatrics	1
Craigavon Hospital	General Medicine	4
Craigavon Hospital	Emergency Department	3
Craigavon Hospital	Surgical Department	4
Craigavon Hospital	Haematology	1

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