

Maidstone and 
Tunbridge Wells

NHS Trust

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Nurse Mentor training.

- 1) *Does your trust have an agreement with an outside organisation (such as Health Education England or similar) to fund the cost of NMC-approved mentor preparation programmes for your registered nurses (band 5 upwards) who wish/are required to take such training as part of their continuing professional development?*
- 2) *If not, are nurses required to self-fund NMC-approved mentor preparation programmes?*
- 3) *In total, how many nurses from your trust have undertaken (even if not yet completed) NMC-approved mentor preparation programmes since January 2015 to the present date?*
- 4) *If you can differentiate, please provide figures for how many nurses from your trust have completed more advanced NMC-approved mentor programmes, or have otherwise achieved sign-off status (to sign off students as competent enough to join the nursing register)?*

1)
All currently funded through HEKSS annual funding allocation to the Trust. We also fund Midwives and ODPs. Nursing numbers in table below.

2)
Not applicable.

3)
Please see table below:

	Academic Year		
	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016

How many nurses who were self-funded?	0	0	0
How many nurses who had their costs covered?	56 registered to date (as at 8.11.17 - this figure will increase over the next few weeks.	78	63

4) Unable to differentiate.