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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 Supernumerary nurses.

*You asked:*

*1) How long does the Trust ensure their supernumerary nurses work supervised before including them in their nursing numbers on wards? This varies trust to trust so please be specific.*

*2) When is the next intake of supernumerary nurses due to start?*

*3) How much has the Trust spent on clinical negligence claims to patient families in the past 12 months that have resulted in death or serious injury/illness?*

*4) How does this figure compare to the previous year?*

Trust response:

1.
  - General surgical/medical wards: Minimum of 2 weeks for RNs
  - Theatre departments/ICUs: Minimum of 4 weeks for RNs
  - Supervised Practice Nurses (non-EU/EEA trained nurses): Minimum of 5 weeks

N.B. Many RNs negotiate a longer period of supernumerary practice with their line manager if they do not feel confident.

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