

Ref FOI17 461  
Date 22 November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

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?

**Response: Yes**

If not, are nurses required to self-fund [NMC-approved mentor preparation programmes](#)?

**Response: No**

**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?

Please set out as below: (**financial years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18**)

**Response:**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>How many nurses who were self-funded?</b>	0	0	0
<b>How many nurses who had their costs covered?</b>	47	25	27

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)?

**Response:**

**7 staff members completed, or booked an advanced NMC approved mentor programme in 2015/16, 16/17 and 17/18**

**156 staff have achieved Sign-Off Mentor status during 2015/16, 16/17 and 17/18.**

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust came into existence on 1 April 2012 and does not hold information prior to this date. If you require information prior to this date, please contact the Department of Health.

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

**Freedom of Information Team**