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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210136.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

Could I please have information relating to Your NQP programme.

Ideally including

Number of current NQPs

Currently 477 NQPs on preceptorship programme (as of 2/Feb/21).

Required band 6 hours

NQPs are supported with 300 front-loaded hours working with a band 6 paramedic.

% of those NQPs that have completed band 6 hours Level of staff each NQP can work with

As these hours are front-loaded (i.e. undertaken at the start of the preceptorship programme), and the last intake of new NQPs was in November 2020, the vast majority (over 99%) have now completed these.

Level of staff each NQP can work with

For the first 300 hours, NQPs can only work with an experienced (Band 6) paramedic or higher grade. Following this, they are able to work with any grade of staff other than a new ECSW (with less than three months experience) or Trainee AAPs.

and when Fast track criteria and % of NQPs that do fast track.

Fast track process not currently adopted within the Trust.

Clinical Difference between Band 5/Band 6 paramedics

Shown in attached clinical skills matrix

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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