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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240805.

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

Under the freedom of information act I would like to request the following information:

How many external Trainee Associate Ambulance Practitioners (taaps) have stepped of the apprenticeship course and been employed as an ECSW within the trust between 2021- present day?

Since 2021 – No direct entry Crawley College Programme TAAPs have reverted to an ECSW role. Less than 10 TAAPs, according to our records, who were on the Crawley College Apprenticeship Programme (previously ECSWs) withdrew and reverted to their original ECSW substantive roles.

Pre 2021 No direct entry Crawley College Programme TAAPs have reverted to an ECSW role. Less than 10 TAAPs, according to our records, who were on the Crawley College Apprenticeship Programme (previously ECSWs) withdrew and reverted to their original ECSW substantive roles. TAAPs who were on the SECAmb delivered AAP Apprenticeship and non-apprenticeship courses, less than 10 TAAPs on our records reverted to ECSW roles.

Less than 10, we are unable to provide exact figures as this could be identifiable to individuals.

With regards to providing analytical information, the Trust complies with the ICO Anonymisation Code of Practice. This stipulates that when providing analytical information that a less than 10 caveat is applied in instances where there are low numbers. By applying these parameters we are reducing the potential linking of data and making this identifiable.

Date:

Email:

Dear

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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