



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-344

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 22nd September 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Surgical care Practitioners

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I am the Quality Improvement Lead for the East of England cardiac network for NHS England.

The network is working with the national team and our local teams to understand the workforce issues in relation to Surgical Care Practitioners with a view to supporting recruitment and retention and developing a more sustainable workforce.

Therefore as a Cardiac Surgery Centre, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. What is the agenda for change banding for trainee Surgical Care Practitioners in your organisation?

A1 Assistant/Associate Practitioner – Band 4 (note: We do not have a role “surgical care practitioner role. But do have Operating Department Practitioner and Assistant/Associate Practitioner within surgery/theatre which is what the details are based upon).

Q2 What is the agenda for change banding for qualified Surgical Care Practitioners?

A2 Operating Department Practitioner – Band 5 and Band 6

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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