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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013759 – Mentor preparation

1) 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:

As part of the Learning and Development Agreement (LDA) with Health Education West Midlands as a placement provider for pre-registration the Trust is required to ensure we have sufficient mentors to support the students in line with the NMC standards. Part of this would require the Trust to ensure training is available.

2) If not, are nurses required to self-fund NMC-approved mentor preparation programmes?

Response: Some staff have chosen to self-fund for their personal development requirements.

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:

2017 2016 2015

How many nurses who were self-funded?

How many nurses who had their costs covered?

Response: Unknown

Number of Supporting Learning and Assessment in Practice (SLAIP) places allocated from Learning Beyond Registration (LBR) –

2017/18 = 66

2016/17 = 106 (includes in-house SLAIP)

2015/16 = 93

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:

Number of Sign off Mentors on the current Database = 254