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Subject: Registered nursing recruitment

REQUEST

Please supply information on **registered nursing recruitment** at your trust over the last two financial years **2023-24 and 2024-25**, **and the months since the start of the 2025-26 financial year**, answering the following questions:

- Are there currently or have there been any recruitment freezes in place affecting solely, or including, the registered nurse workforce [i.e. band 5 and up] in the last two financial years, and/or up to present day?
 - I. If yes, have any of these recruitment freezes specifically targeted at entry level band 5 nurses [i.e.: registered nurses on the starting pay point of band 5]?
 - II. If yes, please provide the timeframes and reason for the freezes

No

2. How many band 5 registered nurse vacancies do you currently have at your trust?

118.75 wte (latest data available July 25)

3. How many entry-level band 5 **domestically trained/recruited** nurses have you recruited at your trust during the last two years?

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