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Thank you for your request concerning NMC-approved mentor preparation programmes.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

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?

Yes. However from 01/04/2017 the Trust has provided funding for the Preparation for Mentorship module.

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

Not applicable

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 were self-funded?	0	0	0
How many nurses had their costs covered?	33	15	14

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)?

There is no advanced NMC approved mentor programme. For mentors to become signed off, they are supported by the Trust Practice Education Team and attends Mentor updates for sign offs at the University. The total number of sign-off mentors for HPFT is currently 71.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Farrell

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

