Torbay and South Devon
NHS Foundation Trust

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Our Ref: TSD10306

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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000, please supply me with the following information about your registered nurse workforce, (if possible, laid out as below):

1) Please state how many full-time (FT) equivalent registered nurses your trust employs at the following banding levels:

Band	Number in 2026	Number in 2025	Number in 2024	Number in 2023	Number in 2022
7	240.52	231.33	222.62	210.50	187.67
8	64.67	69.22	73.31	65.82	58.78

2) **(i) If known, please state how many FT equivalent clinical nurse specialists your trust employs both now and in 2022, please show by AfC band if possible:**

(ii) Areas of clinical practice covered (if it is possible to provide this info):

Band	Area	01-Apr-26	01-Apr-22
Band 6	Clinical Oncology		1.00
	Community Health Services		3.00
	Diabetes	0.80	
	Education		1.00
	MacMillan Nursing	1.00	
	Mental Health Substance Misuse	4.40	
	Ophthalmology	5.35	2.43

	Quality and Patient Care	1.00	1.00
	Simulation Technology	1.00	
	Urology	2.00	1.00
Band 6 Total		**15.55**	**9.43**
Band 7	Accident and Emergency	4.14	
	Cancer Support	3.71	0.91
	Child Protection	4.20	3.80
	District Nursing	1.00	
	Education	3.60	5.00
	General Acute	2.85	2.40
	General Medicine	1.00	1.00
	General Surgery	1.00	
	MacMillan Nursing	1.00	
	Obstetrics	1.60	
	Paediatric Community Child Health	10.00	5.00
	Paediatrics	1.80	3.80
	Patient Safety		1.80
	Research and Development	2.00	2.20
	Social Services	0.48	
	Tissue Banking	1.00	1.00
	Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery	1.00	0.53
	Ultrasound	1.36	
	Urgent Treatment Centre	4.15	
	Urology	2.80	1.00
Band 7 Total		**48.69**	**28.44**
Band 8a	Cancer Support	2.64	1.00
	Haematology		0.71
	Paediatric Community Child Health	1.00	1.00
	Pain Management	1.00	
	Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery	3.53	4.00
Band 8a Total		**8.17**	**6.71**
Grand Total		**72.41**	**44.57**

3) Finally, please state how many FT equivalent nurses your trust currently employs:

Total number of FT nurses employed by your trust at any banding level	As of 1st April 2026 we had 1409.97 FTE of registered nursing, not including midwives, agency and bank only staff

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team