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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_16-172)

We have now considered your request of 02 September 2016 for information relating to practice placements for pre-registration student nurses. Our response is on page 2 and 3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide all the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold information relevant to questions 1e, 2e, 3e, 1f, 2f and 3f. Further explanation is on page 3.

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Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_16-172)

'...I would like to make a request for some data under the Freedom of Information Act about the number of practice placements for pre-registration student nurses over the past three years. For the purposes of this FOI request I am defining a practice placement as a set period of time of at least several consecutive weeks with one placement provider.

I have laid out a set of questions for each of the three academic years below but the information I am asking for is essentially the same, just broken down for different years.'

1.a) How many pre-registration nurse courses did you run in the academic year September 2013 to August 2014?

1.b) Overall, how many pre-registration student nurse practice placements did you have in the academic year September 2013 to August 2014?

1.c) Across how many providers were these placements spread?

*1.d) How many new pre-registration student nurse practice placements did you have in the academic year September 2013 to August 2014 (compared with the year before as opposed to ever having been used before) **

*1.e) How many pre-registration student nurse practice placements did you withdraw during the academic year September 2013 to August 2014? **

1.f) What was the main reason for withdrawing these placements?

2.a) How many pre-registration nurse courses did you run in the academic year September 2014 to August 2015?

2.b) Overall, how many pre-registration student nurse practice placements did you have in the academic year September 2014 to August 2015?

2.c) Across how many providers were these placements spread?

*2.d) How many new pre-registration student nurse practice placements did you have in the academic year September 2014 to August 2015? **

*2.e) How many pre-registration student nurse practice placements did you withdraw during the academic year September 2014 to August 2015? **

2.f) What was the main reason for withdrawing these placements?

3.a) How many pre-registration nurse courses did you run in the academic year September 2015 to August 2016?

3.b) Overall, how many pre-registration student nurse practice placements did you have in the academic year September 2015 to August 2016?

3.c) Across how many providers were these placements spread?

*3.d) How many new pre-registration student nurse practice placements did you have in the academic year September 2015 to August 2016? **

*3.e) How many pre-registration student nurse practice placements did you withdraw in the academic year September 2015 to August 2016? **

3.f) What was the main reason for withdrawing these placements?

** On 15 September, questions d) and e) were clarified as referring to individual student placements, not the withdrawal or addition of an entire placement provider.*

Our response is on the following page.

	Academic year		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
(a) Number of pre-registration nurse courses	5	5	6
(b) Number of pre-registration student nurse practice placements	2234	2246	2395
(c) Number of providers used	45	49	51
(d) Number of new pre-registration student nurse practice placements	9	1	269
(e) Number of withdrawn individual pre-registration student nurse practice placements	<p><i>[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]</i></p> <p>We do not keep records of placements that have been withdrawn as we overwrite any planning documents with new placements</p>		
(f) Main reason for withdrawing placements	<p><i>[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]</i></p> <p>While we cannot supply specific recorded data for each instance, we are aware that the reasons why placements were withdrawn may be due to a student withdrawal (temporary or permanent for academic or personal reasons), quality reasons (e.g. CQC outcome) or minor staff changes within providers.</p>		