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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_15-221)**

We have now considered your request of 04 November 2015 as clarified on 04 and 11 November for information regarding the number and attrition of Nursing students for the period 2011/12 to date. Our response is on pages 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request, and we hope this will meet your requirements.

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Yours sincerely

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## Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI\_15-221)

*The statistics I require; how many nursing courses you provide to students, how many spaces per year are available per course for students, how many students graduate per course per year and how many students drop out per course per year.*

*This information will be used to pull together an understanding of why there is such an increase in the shortage of nurses.*

*[Clarified on 04 November to cover the years 2011/12 to 2014/15 and on 11 November to include both undergraduates and postgraduates]*

The requested information is presented in a number of tables below. Please note that the figures may be somewhat confusing as they reflect the fluctuations in the Nursing student population. Any particular cohort will not only have students that leave courses but others that join the cohort over the term of the course.

It should also be noted that the Adult Nursing course has two (2) intakes per annum; one in September and one in January.

Finally, all figures represent students enrolled in both Degree and Diploma programmes; for Adult Nursing, a Diploma programme was available from 2011/12 to 2013/14. From 2013/14 onwards, the Diploma programme was not offered. For Mental Health Nursing a Diploma programme was last on offer as of 2011/12 and was not available from 2013/14 onwards.

Graduation figures for Children's Nursing include both Diploma and Degree graduations 2011/12 to 2013/14; for Learning Disability Nursing they include both Diploma and Degree graduations 2011/12 to 2013/14 and for Mental Health Nursing they include both Diploma and Degree graduations 2011/12 to 2015/16.

Table 1 – Spaces available per course per year

Spaces available per Nursing course per year, 2011/12 – 2015/16				
Academic Year	Adult Nursing	Children's Nursing	Learning Disability Nursing	Mental Health Nursing
2011/12	161	19	20	27
2012/13	190	19	20	27
2013/14	224	19	21	28
2014/15	229	26	21	37
2015/16	200 <sup>1</sup>	25	21	37

<sup>1</sup> Spaces figure for Adult Nursing for 2015/16 reflects only the spaces available in September 2015; we do not hold information on the spaces available as of January 2016

Table 2 – Number of graduates per course per year

Number of graduates per Nursing course per year, 2011/12 – 2015/16				
Academic Year	Adult Nursing	Children's Nursing	Learning Disability Nursing	Mental Health Nursing
2011/12	105	12	6	24
2012/13	122	9	6	22
2013/14	137	17	18	23
2014/15	121	12	10	15
2015/16	91 <sup>2</sup>	17	13	23

Table 3 – Number of dropouts per course per year<sup>3</sup>

Number of dropouts per Nursing course per year, 2011/12 – 2015/16				
Academic Year	Adult Nursing	Children's Nursing	Learning Disability Nursing	Mental Health Nursing
2011/12	60	0	2	7
2012/13	40	3	7	11
2013/14	33	5	2	12
2014/15	35	4	4	6
2015/16 <sup>4</sup>	16	2	3	5

<sup>2</sup> The graduation figures for Adult Nursing for 2015/16 are to date as there is a January Congregation for this course

<sup>3</sup> Figures for dropouts per academic year include all dropouts in the period specified from all cohorts within the specified programme

<sup>4</sup> The dropout figures for 2015/16 are current as to the date of the request