FOI 2550

Date 21/09/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. Please can you advise on how many nurses the trust/hospital recruited directly from Ghana in 2021, 2022 and 2023. Please can the number be broken down by year.

There have been 4 nurses recruited from Ghana in the last 3 years. All of them applied for live adverts via NHS Jobs. The appointments were not a result of an active, direct recruitment activity from Ghana.

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| Year  | Number |
| 2021 | 0 |
| 2022 | 0 |
| 2023 | 4 |

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 Yours sincerely,

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