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I am putting in the request to all main hospitals in the Meridian region, which covers the South East, South and Thames Valley areas.

I am looking for you to answer the following questions.

About Nurses:

1) How many nursing staff do you have?

Total Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) registered nurses = 1203

The Trust only employs nursing staff who are Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) registered.

2) How many qualified in the UK?

Total nurses qualified in the UK = 978

3) How many qualified abroad?

Total nurses qualified abroad = 225

4) In which countries did they qualify?

Country of Qualification	Number
American	<5
Belgian	<5
Burmese	<5
Canadian	<5
Chinese	<5
Danish	<5
French	<5
Ghanaian	5
Guyanese	<5
Indian	68
Irish	22
Kenyan	<5
Korean	<5
Malaysian	<5
Maldivian	<5
Mauritian	5
New Zealand	<5
Nigerian	<5
Philippine	43
Polish	5
Romanian	7
Singapore	<5
Slovak	<5
South African	<5

Swedish	<5
Trinidadian	<5
Zambian	<5
Zimbabwean	39
Total	225

We are unable to provide details that may identify any person. Accordingly, our response to part of this question therefore has been < 5

About Doctors and Consultants:

1) How many doctors/consultants do you have?

Medical and Dental	Number	WTE
Associate Specialist (Closed)	9	9.00
Clinical Assistant	7	0.77
Clinical Medical Officer	2	2.00
Consultant	157	148.56
Foundation Year 1	40	40.00
Foundation Year 2	33	33.00
Specialist Registrar (Closed)	1	1.00
Specialty Doctor	39	35.35
Specialty Registrar	127	125.63
Staff Grade (Closed)	15	14.34
Trust Grade Doctor - Career Grade level	14	13.60
Trust Grade Doctor - SHO Level (Closed)	3	3.00
Trust Grade Doctor - Specialist Registrar Level (Closed)	4	4.00
Staff Group Total	451	430.24

2) How many qualified in the UK?

3) How many qualified abroad?

4) In which countries did they qualify?

We do not hold the information you have specifically requested in questions 2 3 and 4. This information can be found on the General Medical Council (GMC) website. Therefore, we do not record or hold qualification details for each doctor on a separate spreadsheet. To obtain this information we would need to manually access each individual doctors file on the GMC website and to collate this information would take more than 2½ days. Accordingly, the associated cost would exceed the fee limit of £450 set out under Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007 which for NHS Trust's is calculated on the basis of the cost of one person spending 2½ working days locating, retrieving and extracting this information at a rate of £25 per hour.

Having regard to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act in circumstances where the fee limit is likely to be exceeded, the Trust is not obliged to respond to the request. Accordingly, we are sorry but on this occasion we will not be processing this part of your request further.