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Freedom of Information Response

Dear Kathryn

Thank you for your request for information which was received by the Nursing and Midwifery Council on 8 March 2021.

Your request

Please can I amend my request in light of your response;

Please supply me with the following information instead:

1. Numbers of nurses and midwives not in attendance at hearing since 2019 - present

By "hearing" we mean the substantive CCC hearing

Our response

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We can confirm that we do hold the information that you have asked for however, we're unable to release this to you as unfortunately, the time/cost which would be involved for us to comply with your request would be unreasonable.

Section 12 of the FOI Act allows public bodies to refuse a request if it is estimated that it would take over 18 hours or, would exceed a cost of £450 to compile the information to answer, this is known as 'exceeding the appropriate limit'

Unfortunately we do not capture our data in the way you are suggesting, this is because registrant attendance is an item of information that relates to events, rather than to the fitness to practise cases.

We estimate the only way to identify the information requested would be to go through information for each event individually in order to ascertain whether the registrant attended some of the hearing.

For the period requested, it would take approximately 5 days of Hearings Support Officer's Time and a further 1 day of Hearings Manager time to identify, collate and quality assure the data requested. We do not have staff freely available to undertake this additional work.

Estimated cost

Officer at £15 hourly @ 35 hours, equal £525 for 5 days; to identify and collate
Manager at £19.65 @7 hours, equal £137.55 for 1 day; to quality check
Totalling estimated cost of £662.55 which exceeds the cost limit of £450 - £600.

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We may in the near future have the right system in place to facilitate the capturing of these kind of data to improve our data presentation.

In cases where section 12 is applied, we are obliged to give any available advice as to how you could revise your request to potentially fall within the appropriate limit.

If you wish to revise your request, please send your reply including the response reference to foi&dprequest@nmc-uk.org

We hope this helpful to you.

Internal review

If you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with your request you can ask for an internal review. To submit an internal review, please email Graham Ostle, Information & Data Requests Manager at foi&dprequest@nmc-uk.org

Please submit any request within one month and tell us why you are not satisfied with our response.

Yours sincerely

Information and Data Request Team
Nursing and Midwifery Council.