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## Freedom of Information Response

Dear Cathryn

Thank you for your request for information which was received by the Nursing and Midwifery Council on 18 January 2021. On 11 February 2021 we sent a letter advising you that our response may be delayed. We apologise that it has not been possible to respond on time.

### Your request

*Please supply me with the following:*

*1. Numbers of nurses and midwives not in attendance at hearing since 2018 - present 2. Numbers of nurses and midwives in attendance without representation since 2018 - present 3. Numbers of cases listed as "not in attendance and not represented" since 2018 - 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 we do hold the information that you have asked for, however, we are 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'

We estimate that it would exceed the appropriate limit to answer your request because to provide this information to you would require manual checks of individual cases and this exercise would take us well over the cost limit specified under the FOIA. We estimate that it would take two to three persons at 7.5 hourly (18.75 hours per person) spending 2.5 working days in locating, extracting and collating the requested information at £25 hourly pay totalling £468.75 per person exceeding public duty cost limit.

Please see our fitness to practise published data here: <https://www.nmc.org.uk/about-us/reports-and-accounts/fitness-to-practise-annual-report/>

If you wish to revise your request, send your reply to [foi&dprequest@nmc-uk.org](mailto:foi&dprequest@nmc-uk.org)

### 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](mailto:foi&dprequest@nmc-uk.org)

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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.