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Dear Ms Smithson

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email dated 14 July 2020, requesting information regarding NHS staff that have returned to practice.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

**Summary of your request:**

***Under the Freedom Of Information Act, I would like to request data on the number of Health Practitioners that have returned to the NHS under your Foundation Trust to support it during COVID-19, including retired practitioners who have returned to service and those who have rejoined the NHS.***

To date the Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust have appointed 3 returners. One of these returners has already left the Trust.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: [kcht.foi@nhs.net](mailto:kcht.foi@nhs.net).

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Act Team**

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