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Dear Ms Smithson

Request Reference: RFI-003866

I am writing with regards to your request for information which was received by the Trust on 28 July 2020. Your request will now be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I now will respond to the request.

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.

Our Response

We struggled with the definition that you provided as we had a few healthcare practitioners who returned from retirement or career break, but also some Doctors in training who came back early to the Trust from their GP/Community placements.

We have included all of these and the figure is: 16

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I hope this answers your request. If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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