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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Medical Recruitment

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.





FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Which application tracking or recruitment system does your Trust use for locally employed / non-training resident doctor positions (e.g., Junior Clinical Fellow, Clinical Teaching Fellow)? Examples include TracJobs, NHS Jobs, or others.	Trac Jobs.			
 2. For each of the past five years (2020–2025), please provide the total number of advertised non-training doctor vacancies, specifically: a. Junior Clinical Fellow b. Clinical Teaching Fellow c. Any equivalent titles used in your Trust (please specify titles if different) 	Note: Trac jobs save application information for up to 400 days from submission, or 200 days after the proposed or actual start date, whichever is greater so unable to provide data from 2022 to date. Based on the information still held in Trac: a. Total – 12 2025 – 4 2024 – 8			
	b. Total – 3 2025 – 2 2024 – 1 c. N/A			

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3. For each year from 2020 to 2025, how many	Trac jobs save application information for up		
applications were received for the vacancies listed in	to 400 days from submission, or 200 days		
Question 2?	after the proposed or actual start date,		
	whichever is greater so unable to provide		
	data from 2022 to date. Based on the		
	information still held in Trac		
	a. Total – 800		
	2025 – 616		
	2024 – 184		
	h Tatal 207		
	b. Total – 397		
	2025 – 396		
	2024 – 1		
	c. N/A		
4. For each recruitment round in 2025, how long (in days)	a.		
were the job vacancies listed in Question 2 open before	2025		
being closed?	Episode 1 – 3		
9	Episode 2 – 5		
	Episode 3 – 5		
	Episode 4 – 1		
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	2024		

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	Episode 5 – 1			
	Episode 6 – 10			
	Episode 7 – 1			
	Episode 8 – 1			
	Episode 9 – 1			
	Episode 10 – 2			
	Episode 11 – 1			
	Episode 12 – 1			
	b.			
	2025			
	Episode 1 – 14			
	Episode 2 – 2			
	2024			
	Episode 3 – 10			
	c. N/A			
5. Does your Trust use a numerical cap on the number of	No			
applications received before closing a vacancy early?				
a. If yes, what is the usual threshold for the roles listed				
above?				
6. Does your Trust have a policy or guideline related to the	No - we do not use AI in the selection			
use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in job applications, either	process.			

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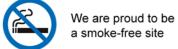




by applicants or during screening? If so, please provide a copy.			
7. Do you use AI to shortlist applications in any way? If so, what AI do you use and for what purpose.	No		
8. Does your Trust use any tools or software to detect the use of Al-generated content in job applications or supporting documents (e.g., personal statements)?	No		
9. If Al-detection tools are used, how many job applications for the roles listed above (in 2025) were flagged for suspected Al-generated content?	N/A		
10. Has your Trust rejected any applications in 2025 specifically on the basis of suspected or confirmed Algenerated content? If yes, how many, and what criteria were used?	No		

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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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