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## Data on Advanced Practitioners

1.

Please provide the total number of advanced practitioners employed in your Trust/Board for each of the years 2021 to 2025. If possible, please break this information down by department or specialty. The below information is in relation to advanced nurse practitioners only. We are unable to provide detail on other professions.

Advanced <u>Nurse</u> Practitioners in post as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Headcount	WTE
2021	9	9
2022	11	11
2023	16	15.83
2024	29	28.83
2025	43	42.83

2.

a) Please could you provide the salary range for advanced practitioners employed in your Trust/Board for each of the years 2021 to 2025.

Band 8a payscale ranges	Entry (£)	Top (£)
2021/2022	47,126	53,219
2022/2023	48,526	54,619
2023/2024	50,952	57,349
2024/2025	53,755	60,504

b) Please could you provide the total salary expenditure for advanced practitioners employed in your Trust/Board for each of the years 2021 to 2025.

We are unable to provide this data from finance as they do not hold specific account codes for Advanced Practitioners.

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3.

Please could you provide the total number of hours worked by advanced practitioners employed in your Trust/Board for each of the years 2021 to 2025.

<b>Band 8a Advanced <u>Nurse</u> Practitioner Years</b>	<b>Number of hours worked</b>
2021	17550 hours
2022	21,450 hours
2023	30,868.5 hours
2024	40,618.5 hours
2025	83,518.5 hours

4.

a) Please could you provide us with any existing documentation which describes the job duties and responsibilities of advanced practitioners within your Trust/Board.

A copy of the Regionally agreed Advanced Nurse Practitioner Job description has been included in this response.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/advanced-nursing-practice-framework.pdf>

**AHP:**

A copy of the Regional Advanced AHP Practice Framework is included in this response.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/AHP-Framework.pdf>

b) If not covered in existing documentation, please confirm whether in your Trust/Board advanced practitioners ever

- i) make referrals to other specialties YES
- ii) hold crash / emergency bleeps This would be dependent on the needs of the service

5.

Within your Trust/Board, please could you tell us

- a) if advanced practitioners are ever deployed on medical rotas NO
- b) if advanced practitioners are permitted to cover doctor rota gaps NO
- c) what grade of doctors advanced practitioners are permitted to cover for THEY DON'T

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**d) if merged/tiered/general rotas with mixed staffing groups are used and if so, which types and grades of clinicians appear on these rotas.** Advanced Practitioners have their own rota

**6.**

**a) Please provide us with a copy of bank shift rotas currently used for all medical and non-medical roles within your Trust/Board**

We asked for clarification to assist us in answering this request, this has not been provided however upon investigation even with clarification, we would be unable to provide this information under section 12 of the FOI Act.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

**b) Please provide us with the current hourly rate-range paid to advanced practitioners working bank shifts in your Trust/Board, broken down by years of service if applicable.**

The below are the new rates being applied from February 2026 backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

<b>Band</b>	<b>Entry Step Point</b>	<b>Years until eligible for progression</b>	<b>Intermediate Step point</b>	<b>Years until eligible for progression</b>	<b>Top pay point</b>
Band 8a	£55,690 (£28.48 per hour)	2	£58,487 (£29.91 per hour)	3	£62,682 (£32.06 per hour)