

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-695

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested. Please see the below responses in bold.

1. Is your organisation and apprenticeship levy payer? Yes or no is sufficient.
Yes
2. What was the value (£) of your organisation's apprenticeship levy contributions in (a) 2019-20 (b) 2020-21 (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23? Please provide an annual breakdown.

	Apprenticeship Levy Declaration*
April 2019 - March 2020	£1,449,325
April 2020 - March 2021	£1,605,301
April 2021 - March 2022	£1,736,950
April 2022 - March 2023	£1,921,283

*Please note that levy-paying employers have 24 months in which to spend the funds available to them before they begin to expire on a rolling, month-by-month basis. Expired apprenticeship levy funds are not lost but are used to support apprenticeships in smaller employers and to cover the ongoing costs of apprentices already in training.

3. How much apprenticeship levy 'expired' – i.e. was not used - in (a) 2019-20 (b) 2020-21 (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. Please provide an annual breakdown.

	Expired Funds (Due to 24-month spending rule)
04/2019 - 03/2020	-£578,914
04/2020 - 03/2021	-£809,778
04/2021 - 03/2022	-£796,944
04/2022 - 03/2023	-£869,987

4. How many apprenticeship starts did your organisation create in (a) 2019-20 (b) 2020-21 (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. Please provide an annual breakdown.

	Apprentice starts on Programme
April 2019 - March 2020	91
April 2020 - March 2021	82
April 2021 - March 2022	113
April 2022 - March 2023	101

5. How many of those apprenticeship starts created were (a) male and (b) female in 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. Please provide an annual breakdown for each gender.

We are unable to provide the response to this question as to do so would exceed the appropriate time limit as set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are unable to comply with your request as the cost of responding to all parts would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 for NHS bodies. The £450 limit is reached by using a standard charge-out rate of £25 an hour, which equates to 18 hours' work.

Application forms for apprenticeships are currently paper based and to obtain the information for this response would involve reviewing 387 records to identify the sex of each apprentice. This would only allow two minutes per record to locate, review and note the information.

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 21 NOVEMBER 2023)