

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_236_17

You asked:

1) How many nurses, midwives, health visitors and healthcare assistants had to pass the International English Language Test System (IELTS) exam before they joined your organisation?

Four - this answer is based on the number recruited via our ongoing overseas recruitment campaign. It is a requirement as part of registration that IELTS is achieved.

2) How many nurses, midwives, health visitors and healthcare assistants undertook IELTS exams while already employed by your organisation?

None.

3) For the last two financial years please identify:

* How many nurses failed IELTS

* How many nurses retook the IELTS exam

We don't hold this information. As part of our recruitment campaign IELTS is undertaken prior to relocating to the UK and whilst they may hold an offer from the Health Board, they are not employees at the time they sit the IELTS.

* How many nurses passed the IELTS exam

Please see response to question 1 above.

4) If your organisation covers the cost of any form of tutorial support for nurses before they undertake IELTS please provide the cost of this.

The Health Board does not cover the cost.