FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-110
Subject:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **09/02/2026** where you requested information about **Physician Associates in Emergency Departments.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
1. Pre-Leng Review Employment (before July 2025)	
a) Did your Trust employ Physician Associates in Emergency Department(s) prior to July 2025?	There are none showing on staff in post for working in ED
b) If yes, how many PA posts (FTE) were there in ED as of June 2025?	There are none showing on staff in post for working in ED
c) What clinical activities and responsibilities did PAs undertake in ED during this period?	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
2. Current PA Deployment	
a) How many PA posts (FTE) are currently deployed in Emergency Department(s)?	There are none showing on staff in post for working in ED
b) For any PAs previously working in ED who are no longer in those roles:	
• How many have been redeployed to other departments? Please specify which departments/specialties	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
• How many posts have been made redundant or not renewed?	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
• What were the dates of any redeployments or redundancies?	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
3. Changes to PA Roles Post-Leng Review	
a) How have the clinical activities and responsibilities of PAs working in ED changed since July 2025?	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
b) What restrictions or modifications have been placed on PA practice in ED?	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
4. Impact Assessment and Wait Times	
a) Prior to making any changes, did your Trust conduct any impact assessment regarding PA deployment in ED? If yes, please provide a copy or summary of findings.	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC

b) Prior to making these changes, did your Trust consult with or refer to documentation from the General Medical Council (GMC), Care Quality Commission (CQC), United Medical Associate Professionals (UMAPs), or the College of Medical Associate Professionals (CMAPs)?	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
c) What was the average wait time in ED for the periods:	
• April-June 2025 (pre-Leng Review)	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
• October-December 2025 (post-Leng Review)	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
d) Has your Trust identified any correlation between changes to PA deployment and ED performance metrics?	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
5. Compliance with Professional Guidance	
a) Were changes to PA deployment in ED made following guidance from the Royal College of Emergency Medicine?	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC
b) Please provide copies of any internal policies, directives, or communications regarding PA deployment in ED issued since July 2025.	N/A - We have no PAs in our ED or UTC

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Yours sincerely,

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