



Our Ref: FOI/08/12/20-1

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**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding paediatric training in Wales over a time period between 2010 and 2020.**

- 1. The total number of paediatric trainees in Wales by year (2010-2020)**  
**Split by: Sex**  
**Split by: UK medical graduates, EEA medical graduates, international medical graduates**  
**Split by: ethnicity**
- 2. Annual review of competence progression (ARCP) unsatisfactory outcomes in paediatric trainees by year (2010-2020)**  
**Split by: UK medical graduates, EEA medical graduates, international medical graduates**  
**Split by: ethnicity**
- 3. MRCPCH exam pass rates in Wales by year (2010-2020) and exam**  
**Split by: UK medical graduates, EEA medical graduates, international medical graduates**  
**Split by: ethnicity**

**I would be grateful if you could provide the above in an excel spreadsheet format.**

In response to questions 1 and 2, please find enclosed an excel spreadsheet detailing the information requested about Paediatrics trainees in Wales between 2010 and 2020. Unfortunately, where there are a small number of trainees for a category, we are unable to break the information down to this level as the risk of identifying individual trainees becomes significant. Please note that where the numbers are fewer than 5 this has been provided as <5 individuals. HEIW is withholding the detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing set out in Principle 1 Article 5 (1) (a). This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

The notes below provide some background explanation of the figures:

- The excel spreadsheet details the response to Q1 in tab 1 'Trainees'. Intrepid, our junior doctor database, currently reflects only the basic medical degree details for trainees, not postgraduate or College qualifications.
- The year range is taken as August to August for each period indicated. This is the same date range reported annually to the GMC for its national ARCP report.
- The current archiving policy in HEIW for the junior doctor database is to retain records for up to seven years, so the attached summary covers 2013 onwards up to August 2020, the latest period for which a full complement of Paediatric ARCP outcomes is available.

- d. The excel spreadsheet details the response to Q2 in tab 2 'Outcomes'. This reflects a headcount of trainees receiving unsatisfactory outcomes (including 2, 3 or 4) in the year ranges indicated.

In response to Q3, I would advise that the Membership of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (MRCPCH) examinations are run and managed by the Royal College. HEIW does not hold or store this information. In order to comply with our obligation under Section 16 to advise and assist, please see detailed below the link to the RCPCH website where you will find information about these examinations:

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/education-careers/examinations>

