

## Apprenticeship Levy

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*Under Freedom of Information legislation, I would like to request the following.*

- 1. Is your organisation and apprenticeship levy payer? Yes or no is sufficient.*

Answer: 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.*

Answer: Please see table below:

| Financial Year                | Eastern Services | Northern Services |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2019/20                       | £1,209,600       | £503,022          |
| 2020/21                       | £1,259,040       | £543,619          |
| 2021/22                       | £1,320,840       | £546,315          |
| 2022/23<br>(Integrated Trust) | £2,631,696       |                   |

- 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.*

Answer: Please see table below:

| Financial Year | Eastern Services | Northern Services |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2019/20        | £0               | £0                |
| 2020/21        | £0               | £0                |
| 2021/22        | £226,067.35      | £0                |
| 2022/23        | £59,844.23       | £247,138.29       |

We are taxed 0.5 % of our PAYE each year and that is then ring-fenced to form the Levy. It is ring-fenced to us for 24 months, when this time is up and

we have not used the funding it is then claimed back by the Government and is 'expired'.

On the 1st of April 2022 Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust and Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust merged. The Digital apprenticeship service account for Northern services then merged with the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust account and was renamed to align with the new Trust's name Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, all funding unused to date was then expired.

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.*

Answer: Please see response to question 5 below.

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

Answer: Eastern Services do not hold this information centrally for years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22. Northern Services only for these years and then for 2022/23 our integrated Trust figures, please see table below:

| <b>Financial Year</b>         | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 2019/20                       | 8           | 69            | 77           |
| 2020/21                       | 9           | 70            | 70           |
| 2021/22                       | 11          | 76            | 87           |
| 2022/23<br>(Integrated Trust) | 44          | 289           | 333          |