

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.173  
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Thank you for your email received 22 September 2022 requesting information regarding the NHS pension scheme.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

***Summary of your original request:***

***In the years between 2018 to 2022, how many permanent employees voluntarily opted out of the NHS pension scheme?***

343 Staff voluntarily opted out of the NHS pension scheme in this period.

***In the years between 2018 to 2022, how many employees requested to opt into the NHS pension scheme?***

We are not able to provide the number of employees that requested to opt into the NHS Pension Scheme as this is not information that we record. However we can advise that 3706 new starters remained in the Pension Scheme after joining the Trust.

***In the years between 2018 to 2022, how many people employed on a permanent contract were aged 66 and above?***

178 Staff were 66+ years old above during this period.

Chair John Goulston Chief Executive Mairead McCormick

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