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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012948 – Staff suspensions

Request: Have any members of staff working on the Georgina Unit at Russells Hall Hospital been suspended while allegations about their lifestyle were investigated?

The period of interest is between 2014 and 2016. If so, what was the outcome?

There is a legitimate public interest in knowing that health professionals are fit to practice but it is not necessary to disclose the existence of any internal report to meet this interest, since if a disciplinary case leads to a public hearing by the Nursing and Midwifery Council, the name of the employee and other details would be made public at that stage.

Therefore the Trust is neither confirming or denying that it holds this information under Section 40(5)(b)(i) as giving the confirmation or denial to this request would contravene the following data protection principles:

2. Personal data shall be obtained only for one or more specified and lawful purposes, and shall not be further processed in any manner incompatible with that purpose or those purposes.

6. Personal data shall be processed in accordance with the rights of data subjects under this Act.