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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014610 – Freedom to Speak Up Guardian

1. When did the trust first appoint a Freedom To Speak Up Guardian, champion, ambassador or equivalent? – May 2016
- 2.. How many individuals currently hold such posts within the trust? - 2
3. Please give the professional backgrounds and seniority of all the Freedom To Speak Up Guardians or equivalent who have ever been appointed.
  - Both have a nursing background and are of equal status. Both have other posts, one is the Professional Lead for Quality and the other is Professional Development Lead - Clinical Support Staff
4. Is there ring fenced time for these posts, and if so what is the total WTE? - One post has one day a week. The other post has 3 hours per week
5. Please advise if any Freedom To Speak Up Guardians have stepped down, and if so, how long were they in post as Freedom To Speak Up Guardians?
  - The original FTSU Guardian stepped down due to a promotion in her post in July 2018
6. Please provide by, financial year, a spreadsheet which gives the number, broad nature of concerns raised with your Freedom To Speak Up Guardian(s) or equivalent, and the outcome.
  - Please check the national Guardians website where all numbers and types are published
7. Please advise how many times your Freedom To Speak Up Guardian(s) or equivalent have escalated any whistleblowing case issues to:
  - i. the National Guardian - None
  - ii. the Care Quality Commission - None

We haven't escalated any but have received advice from the National Office staff.