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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

1. Does your NHS Trust/Board have an executive board where health research strategy for the hospital/s is set? e.g a Research and Innovation Board or other relevant high-level board.

**- The Trust has a Research, Education & Innovation Working Group that is chaired by The Medical Director, and reports up to the Trust Board**

2. If yes, is there a PPIE (patient public involvement engagement) representative on this board with the specific remit to provide insights into research agenda setting from the perspective of a patient with lived experience of health issues or as a member of the public/community? [I am not referring to the presence of a lay chair].

**- Yes**

3. Is there a PPIE advisory structure (e.g. board, committee, panel) which provides PPIE insights to inform the work of the executive board? (not within individual study groups- I refer to high level feedback into your research strategy meetings).

**- Yes see questions 1 and 2**

4. If yes to question 2, 3, 4 or 5, please provide the most recent minutes/agenda with a list of members with designated roles/remits (not names).

**- Please see attached**

**For a copy of the documents please contact [dqft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:dqft.foi@nhs.net) quoting the FOI reference number**

5. Are PPIE representatives remunerated?

**- No, not for this working group**

6. Do you require PPIE representatives to do any training? If yes, please specify e.g NIHR training or in house-training.

**- Inhouse training as registered as a volunteer at the Trust**

7. I realise that some of this information may already be available. However, I was unable to locate it. So, if it is, please provide me with a link to the data. – **N/A**

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
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