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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.

I am seeking information from your most senior strategic lead for allied health professions to answer the following 10 questions.

1 What is the job title of the strategic lead/ most senior Allied Health Professional (AHP) in your Trust?

Chief AHP

Director of AHPs

Other (please specify) - **Group Chief Allied Health Professional**

2 Is there someone employed in this post currently?

Yes

No

If not, why not?

3 How many hours a week are dedicated specifically to this role?

Full time (1.0wte)

Part time (please specify wte hours)

Job share (please specify)

Do they have other portfolios / operational leadership responsibilities in addition to the strategic leadership of the AHPs in the Trust? For example: quality and safety, patient experience, complaints, workforce, professional development, social work etc

If so, what?

- The GCAHP does not have direct operational responsibility for any teams or services but has a role in influencing and directing AHPs contribution and involvement in all the above. The GCAHP also takes the lead in specific Trust wide quality initiatives such as EDDM and nutrition and hydration.

4 What Agenda for Change band is the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP role?

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8A

8B

8C

8D

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Very senior manager pay scale
Other (please specify)

5 If someone is currently in post, are they a HCPC registered Allied Health Professional?

Yes

No

If yes, which allied health profession (please specify):

Art therapist

Dietitian

Drama therapist

Music therapist

Occupational therapist

Operating department practitioner

Orthoptist

Osteopath

Paramedic

Physiotherapist

Podiatrist

Prosthetists and orthotist

Radiographer Diagnostic Therapeutic

Speech and language therapist

6 If they are not a registered AHP, what is their professional background? (Please specify) - **N/A**

7 Who does the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP report to? (please specify) - **Chief Nurse**

8 Is the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP an executive member of the Trust Board, are they able to vote as a full board member?

Yes

No

9 Is the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP a member of any sub committees of the Trust Board, for example quality and safety, workforce, performance? (Please specify) - **Attend people and quality**

10 Does the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP deputise for an exec member of the board? - **Yes on occasion for the CNO where appropriate**

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

Yours sincerely

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