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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

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) ✓

[Assistant Director of AHPs \(Community Health & Integrated Care Division\).](#)

2 Is there someone employed in this post currently?

[Yes.](#)

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?

[Management of Rehabilitation Services.](#)

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

- 7
- 8A
- 8B
- 8C ✓
- 8D
- 9
- Very senior manager pay scale
- Other (please specify)

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

Yes

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)

Not applicable.

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

Associate Director of Operations (Community Health & Integrated Care Division)

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?

No.

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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)

No.

10 Does the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP deputise for an exec member of the board?

No.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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