

FOI REF: 25/701

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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:

- 1. What is your trust policy or protocol/advice to your locum consultant staff when they engage with patients who are asking about their title and training completed if the locum consultant has NOT completed consultant level training, and does NOT hold a CCT or CESR and is NOT on the specialist register?**

Our locum consultants have locum consultant on their ID badge, otherwise they introduce themselves as a consultant.

- 2. Does your trust allow the locum consultants to present themselves to patients using the Consultant title, introducing themselves as a Consultant, if they have not attained Consultant level of training and experience and are not on the GMC Specialist register? Or does your trust advise your locum consultants to introduce themselves to patients as 'Acting Consultant' and/or 'locum consultant'? Or other title? Please advise, which title is advised at your trust.**

Please see response to Q1.

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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