

FOI REF: 25/723

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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:

Please could I request the following information.

The name, job title and email address of the person within the Trust that holds the following Job title or responsibility:

1. Clinical Director of Neurology

We do not have this job title, this would be Chief Medical Officer

Dr Simon Merritt
Chief Medical Officer / Consultant - Respiratory Physician and Sleep Specialist

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

2. Clinical Lead Neurologist

Dr Lipnicki-Khan
Clinical lead

Section 44 applied.

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3. Head of Service Neurology

Shankar Nair
General Manager

Section 44 applied.

4. Service Manager Neurology

According to our Freedom of Information Policy we only release the names of staff on Grade 8a and above. The post of Neurology Service Manager is below a Grade 8a and therefore the details requested cannot be provided. I can confirm however that our Head of Service Neurology is Shankar Nair and has overall responsibility for the Neurology Service Manager role.

Section 44 applied.

5. Business Manager Neurology

Not applicable.

6. Lead Neuro Psychologist

Not applicable. Service not delivered at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT).

7. Operations Manager Memory Clinic

Not applicable. Service not delivered at ESHT.

8. Clinical Lead Memory Clinic

Not applicable. Service not delivered at ESHT.

9. Business operations Manager Memory Clinic

Not applicable. Service not delivered at ESHT.

10. Divisional Director Neurology

Mimi Arbua
Deputy Director of Operations for Medicine.

Section 44 applied.

11. Medical Director Neurology

Dr Joel Newman
Chief of Medicine

Section 44 applied.

12. Head of Neuro Rehabilitation

Not applicable. Service not delivered at ESHT.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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