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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 provide the names and job titles of the individuals currently holding the following positions within your Trust:

1) Cardiology Department:

a) Cardiology Clinical Director:

The Trust does not have a Cardiology Clinical Director, but Professor Nik Patel (Cardiology Clinical Lead) fulfils the functions of this role.

b) Cardiology Clinical Lead:

Professor Nik Patel.

c) Cardiology Service Manager:

Sarah Terry.

d) Cardiology Directorate Manager:

Wendy Mills.

e) Cardiology Clinical IT Manager (or equivalent role responsible for IT systems within Cardiology):

Gemma Baldock-Apps
Head of Cardiovascular Clinical Audit and Data

2) Trust-Wide Leadership:

a) Chief Medical Officer:

Dr Simon Merritt.

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b) Group Chief Digital Officer (or equivalent):

Andy Bissenden
Associate Director of Digital

c) Group EPR Programme Director (or equivalent):

Duncan Robinson
EPR Programme Director

d) Head of Operations:

Charlotte O'Brien
Chief Operating Officer

e) Clinical Systems Manager:

This role does not exist within the Trust.

f) Chief Governance Officer:

Richard Milner
Chief of Staff

g) Chief Clinical Officer:

Dr Shaymau Habeeb
Chief Clinical Information Officer

h) Head of Clinical Systems:

Nick Turner
Head of Clinical Information Systems

i) Director of Digital.

Andy Bissenden
Associate Director of Digital)

- **If available, please also include their NHS email addresses or appropriate departmental contact details.**

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.

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The contact number for the Trust is 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.

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.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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