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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 you provide us with leader's name for the below leadership roles.

If you have a very similar role but not the exact job title, please include details of the very similar role and individual. If you don't have this role at all, please state N/A or "Don't have the job title".

Trust Name	East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
Profile Type	Acute Hospital and Community Care
Organisation Code	RXC

Job title	Leaders Name
Chair	Steve Phoenix
Chief executive	Jayne Black
Director of Finance & Information	Andrew Strevens - Chief Finance Officer
Medical director	Simon Merritt - Chief Medical Officer and Caldicot Guardian
Director of Nursing	Vikki Carruth - Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Infection Prevention and Control
Chief operating officer	Charlotte O'Brien
Director of communications and marketing	Vacant Associate Director of Communications and Engagement
Director of HR and OD	Steve Aumayer - Deputy Chief Executive and Chief People Officer
Chief people officer	Steve Aumayer - As above

Director of strategy and planning	Simon Dowse - Director of Transformation, Strategy and Improvement
Chief pharmacist	Simon Badcott
Director of Corporate Governance/Company Secretary/Board Secretary	Peter Palmer Board Secretary
Head of legal services	Vacant
Lead director for procurement (procurement director)	Angela Alletson Head of Procurement
PA to chief executive	Please see below
Chief clinical information officer	Dr Shayma Habeeb
Director of infection control	Vikki Carruth - Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Infection Prevention and Control
Head of estates	Adrian Knight
Chief information officers/IT director	Andy Bissenden Associate Director of Digital
Head of hotel services	Russell Sherry Trust Facilities Manager- Hotel services
Head of private patients	Amanda Rogers Hospital Director
Head of sterile services	Michelle Clements Assistant Director of Facilities
Head of facilities management	Michelle Clements Assistant Director of Facilities

Please note that it is East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's FOI policy to only provide the names of staff that are grade 8a or above. The post of PA to chief executive is below 8a, therefore we are unable to disclose their details.

Also, please you include the names and job titles of any of the board members that are not listed.

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by the following link:

[Trust board – East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust](#)

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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