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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following recorded information regarding your Trust's implementation and oversight of the ReSPECT (Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment) process. If your Trust provides both acute and community health services, please indicate whether the ReSPECT lead role and oversight group cover both organisations, or if separate arrangements exist for community services:

1. **ReSPECT Lead: Does the Trust have a designated lead role (or roles) responsible for the ReSPECT process?**

   Steve Rochester, who has oversight for all areas of the Trust; Acute and Community.

2. **Professional Background: If yes, please state the job title(s) and professional background of the post-holder(s) (for example, whether they are a medical doctor, nurse, or non-clinical manager).**

   Senior Resuscitation Officer; Operating Department Practitioner (ODP), registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

3. **Oversight Group: Does the Trust have a specific committee, steering group, or working group responsible for decision-making and monitoring the quality of completion of ReSPECT forms?**

   Resuscitation Committee.

4. **Meeting Frequency: If such a group exists, how frequently is it scheduled to meet (e.g., monthly, quarterly)?**

   Quarterly via MS Teams.

5. **Governance Reporting: Which Trust committee(s) or governance structures does this group report into (for example, Deteriorating Patient Group, Resuscitation Committee, or Quality and Safety Committee)? If available, please provide a copy of the group's Terms of Reference or a governance structure chart showing this reporting line.**

   Resuscitation Committee.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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