

## Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

1. The Name , Job Title and email address of the Head of Procurement ( or equivalent senior procurement lead ) at Your Trust.

Richard Somerset  
Head of Procurement  
R.somerset@nhs.net

2. If available the names , Job Titles and email addresses of any procurement category managers responsible for Capital Equipment.

Any available names and contacts for the Trust can be found on the staff structure chart which can be found on the attached copy with this email

The provision of these contact details **does not imply consent for unsolicited correspondence on your part**. As per Section 122 of the Data Protection Act 2018, **permission is not given** to use these details for unsolicited contact. Right to prevent processing for purposes of direct marketing. *S122 (5) direct marketing” means the communication (by whatever means) of advertising or marketing material which is directed to a particular individual.*

The rest of our employees' names and contact information is exempt under section 40 (2) as explained below

### Exempt information under section 40(2) (personal information) of the FOIA

Names, job titles (other than those on our Staff Structure Chart), email addresses and the ethnic background of employees constitutes personal data, as defined under the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018). Disclosing this information could potentially lead to the identification of individuals, and thus infringe upon their privacy rights. The disclosure of personal data is exempt under the following grounds:

#### Exemption 40 (2) - Personal Data

1. Personal Information: The information you have requested relates to identifiable individuals. According to DPA 2018, the processing of personal data must comply with principles of lawfulness, fairness, and transparency.

2. Unwarranted Invasion of Privacy: Disclosure of this data could result in an unwarranted

invasion of privacy of the individuals concerned.

3. Data Protection Principles: Sharing such information without the consent of the individuals involved would breach the data protection principles that are intended to safeguard personal privacy.

Section 40(2) provides that personal data is exempt information if one of the conditions set out in section 40(3) is satisfied. In our view, disclosure of this information would breach the data protection principles contained in the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018

In reaching this decision, we have particularly considered:

- the reasonable expectations of the employees given their positions;
- these individuals are not in public facing roles and have an expectation that their names and direct contact details will not be put into the public domain. It would be unfair for us to disclose their details and would contravene the first data protection principle.
- the consequences of disclosure; and
- any legitimate public interest in disclosure.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and therefore not subject to the public interest test.

If direct email addresses cannot be released , please provide the generic procurement contact email for supplier enquires.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to [d.wraith@nhs.net](mailto:d.wraith@nhs.net).

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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