

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2021.788
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Thank you for your email dated 21 April 2021 requesting information regarding patient safety specialists.

Please find detailed below a summary of your original request together with our response.

Original request:

Can you please let me know the names and job titles of the Trust's employees who have been designated as Patient Safety Specialists as part of the National Patient Safety Strategy.

It is Trust policy to not release names and contact details of staff below Executive Director Level as this constitutes personal information which is exempt under Section 40(2) in conjunction with Section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to 'Personal Information'.

An excerpt of the relevant Freedom of Information legislation can be found below:

Section 40 – Personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

(a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and

(b) either the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.

(3a) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act

(a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or

(b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

Therefore we have provided the job titles of individuals below executive director level that have been nominated for the patient safety specialists:

Dr Mercia Spare – Chief Nurse

Deputy Chief Nurse

Assistant Director of Clinical Standards and Patient Safety

Head of Patient Safety

Head of Quality Governance and Professional Standards - SES

Head of Quality, Governance and Professional Standards West Kent

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