

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2021.792 Released 19 May 2021

Thank you for your email dated 22 April 2021 requesting information regarding clinical engineering managers.

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

Original request:

Would it be possible to please advise who the clinical engineering manager/s are within the Trust and please provide their email addresses so I can contact them regarding the medical equipment we manufacture?

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.

We can however confirm that the Executive Director responsible for Information Technology and Procurement is Gordon Flack – Director of Finance and Deputy CEO, <u>Gordon.flack@nhs.net</u>.

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