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From: Other
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Subject: Trust lead for Allied Health Professionals (AHP's)

The role of Director/Chief/Lead of AHPs is commonly described as "Providing Workforce Leadership for Allied Health Professions, map the current AHP workforce across the trust, work with other trust AHP Directors and develop a strategic workforce plan for recruitment and retention of Allied Health Professions within the trust."

Q1 Within your Trust, do you have a role that meets the above description?

A1 No

Q2 If 'Yes' to Q1–

- a. What is title?
- b. When was the role of Director/Chief/Lead AHP or its equivalent first created within the Trust?
- c. Is there someone currently in this post?
- d. If no, why not?
- e. If yes, are they registered as an allied health professional (AHP)?
- f. If yes, which profession?
- g. If they are not registered as an AHP, what is their professional background?
- h. Does this individual have a position on the Trust board?
- i. Which Allied Healthcare professions are employed by your Trust?

A2 Not applicable, as per A1 above

Q3 If 'No' to Q1–

- a. Do you expect to advertise/create a job role meeting the above description within the next 6 months?
- b. If no, are you planning to advertise/create this role in the long term 12-24 months?
- c. If no, what has been the main barrier/s that are preventing a job role meeting the above description from being created in the long term (12-24months)?
- d. Is your Trust aware of the NHS England and NHS Improvement strategy (2019 Investing in chief allied health professionals: insights from trust executives.) to have designated AHP leads?

A3 a-d: invalid under Section 8(1)(c). Having considered your request we do not deem that the questions meet the criteria for a valid request for information under the FOIA, as they are asking for perspective and opinion rather than recorded data or information held by the Trust i.e. they do not 'describe the information being requested'.