

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 21 March 2022.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

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.”¹*

Section 1.

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

Section 2

2.1. What is title

2.2 When was the role of Director/Chief/Lead AHP or its equivalent first created within the Trust?

If no, why not?

2.4. If yes, are they registered as an allied health professional (AHP)?

2.5 If yes, which profession?

2.6. If they are not registered as an AHP, what is their professional background?

2.7. Does this individual have a position on the Trust board?

2.8. Which Allied Healthcare professions are employed by your Trust?

Section 3.

It has been shown that “there are benefits to improvement activity, as well as to the visibility and influence of the AHP workforce on the Trust’s priorities when there is a designated AHP lead”, and that these roles should be put in place in each Trust^{1,2}.

3.1. Do you expect to advertise/create a job role meeting the above description within the next 6 months?

3.2. If no, are you planning to advertise/create this role in the long term 12-24 months?

3.3 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)?

3.4. 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?

Please see attached document.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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