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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4432**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 26th August 2020.

Your request was as follows:

I am getting in touch with regards to black, Asian, and minority ethnic (BAME) group's staff networks within the NHS. I have a few simple questions that I would like to ask under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Does the trust have a BAME staff network or something similarly named?

[Yes here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\) we do have a BAME network.](#)

2. If the answer to Q1 is yes, who are its leaders (e.g., chair, co-chair)?

[We have two BAME staff members who would correspond to being co-chairs .](#)

3. In addition to Q2, does it have a sponsor if yes please provide the name?

[The BAME network feeds into the EDI Steering Group, which feeds into the Quality Committee, which feeds into the Board via the Director of Nursing, who is the Board Champion for Equality. The BAME network also has direct access to the CEO and the CEO attends meeting of the network at their invitation.](#)

4. Could you please provide the contact details for the leaders of the trust's BAME staff network (or similarly named)?

This should be, at minimum, an email address.

[The WCFT does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email \[enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk\]\(mailto:enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk\) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4432 in any future communications.**

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Yours sincerely

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