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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4655

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 17th March 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1. How many reports did you receive from whistleblowers in 2019 and in 2020?

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust can confirm the number of concerns raised to the Freedom To Speak Up Guardian during 2019/20 is 48](#)

2. How many people do you have in your organisation that are trained/permitted to take reports from whistleblowers?

[Anybody within the organisation can receive a concern. The Freedom to Speak Up Guardian and the Champions have received training from the National Guardians Office](#)

3. What training have the people in question number 2 received in whistleblowing?

[Training from the National Guardians Office](#)

4. What cost, if any, was there for this training?

[Zero cost](#)

5. Which organisation delivered each course?

[The National Guardians Office](#)

6. What is the name of the person that arranged this training and what is their email address?

[The National Guardians Office](#)

7. What methods do you have for whistleblowers to contact a person that is authorised to take their report and what are the specific details of these, i.e., email addresses, telephone numbers etc?

[The Freedom to Speak Up Guardian and the Champions can be contacted via email, phone, drop-ins. There is a dedicated email address for freedom to speak up at the Trust.](#)

8. What are the email addresses for the people authorised to receive whistleblower reports?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

9. How many whistleblowers have left the organisation within 12 months of making a report?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

10. How many whistleblowers have made an allegation of 'detriment' against your organisation?

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

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4655 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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