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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5109

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 18th March 2022.

Your request was as follows:

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

1a. What is title?

Yes here at the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) we have the role of AHP Lead, which is a part time role integrated within another role.

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

The role of AHP Lead was created at the WCFT in 2021.

3. Is there someone currently in this post?

If no, why not?

Yes, the role of AHP Lead is currently fulfilled here at the WCFT.

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

Yes.

5 If yes, which profession?

Radiographer.

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

N/A

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

No.

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

Please see attached.

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It has been shown that "there are benefits to improvement activity, as well as to the visibility and influence of the AHP
wc on the Trust's | es when there is a designated AHP lead", and that these roles should be put in



place in each Trust"

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

The role already exists.

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

10a. 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)?

N/A

11. 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?

Yes.

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

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Yours sincerely

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