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I am responding to your request for information received 31 July 2025. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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**Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

I am seeking information from your most senior strategic lead for allied health professions to answer the following 10 questions.

**Question 1:** What is the job title of the strategic lead/ most senior Allied Health Professional (AHP) in your Trust?

- Chief AHP
- Director of AHPs
- Other (please specify)

**Answer:** Director of AHPs.

**Question 2:** Is there someone employed in this post currently?

Yes

No

If not, why not?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question 3:** How many hours a week are dedicated specifically to this role?

- Full time (1.0wte)
- Part time (please specify wte hours)
- Job share (please specify)

Do they have other portfolios / operational leadership responsibilities in addition to the strategic leadership of the AHPs in the Trust? For example: quality and safety, patient experience, complaints, workforce, professional development, social work etc  
If so, what?

**Answer:** Full time – 1.0 WTE.

Responsible for all aspects of AHP: strategic leadership, professional practice and workforce education and development. Also to provide delivery assurance to the Trust and partners regarding AHP deployment.

**Question 4:** What Agenda for Change band is the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP role?

- 7
- 8A
- 8B
- 8C
- 8D
- 9
- Very senior manager pay scale
- Other (please specify)

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

*(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.*

The banding information you have requested has the potential for individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide such information.



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**Question 5: If someone is currently in post, are they a HCPC registered Allied Health Professional?**

**Yes**

**No**

**If yes, which allied health profession (please specify):**

**Art therapist**

**Dietitian**

**Drama therapist**

**Music therapist**

**Occupational therapist**

**Operating department practitioner**

**Orthoptist**

**Osteopath**

**Paramedic**

**Physiotherapist**

**Podiatrist**

**Prosthetists and orthotist**

**Radiographer Diagnostic**

**Therapeutic**

**Speech and language therapist**

**Answer:** Yes. The post holder is HCPC Registered Occupational Therapist professional.

**Question 6: If they are not a registered AHP, what is their professional background? (Please specify)**

**Answer:** Not applicable.

**Question 7: Who does the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP report to? (please specify)**

**Answer:** Chief Medical Officer.

**Question 8: Is the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP an executive member of the Trust Board, are they able to vote as a full board member?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Answer:** No.

**Question 9: Is the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP a member of any sub committees of the Trust Board, for example quality and safety, workforce, performance? (Please specify)**

**Answer:** Yes, 'Tier 2' Management of the Trust. Attendance at Service Delivery Board, Operational Board, Quality Committee, People Plan Delivery Board and other relevant committees.

**Question 10: Does the most senior strategic (Chief) AHP deputise for an exec member of the board?**

**Answer:** No.



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