

FOI 3651

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Which team answers Assembly Questions from the Department of Health?

Response:

The communications team manages the administration of assembly questions as part of its wider public affairs role.

Depending on the topic, answers are provided by staff across the Trust. Input may also be provided by communications team members if, for example, a similar question has also been received as a media query. Final approval is at Director level.

How many staff are in this team?

Response:

1 member of staff from the communications team looks after the administration of the assembly questions alongside other tasks.

What band are the staff?

Response:

The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (personal information). As only one member of staff undertakes this function, disclosure of the band would risk identifying an individual and would be unfair under the Data Protection Act 2018 as the staff member would not expect their banding to be disclosed into the public domain. Please note that in reaching this decision account has been taken that disclosure under FOI is a disclosure into the 'world at large' and FOI responses are made publicly available on the Trust website.

What tasks do they also complete alongside Assembly Questions? (if any)

Response:

Other administrative tasks required by the communications team e.g. minute taking, media monitoring, dealing with calls, etc.

Have the team noticed an increase in assembly questions in recent years/months?

Response:

Yes, there has been a significant rise in the number of assembly questions received in the past quarter.

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