

FOI – 1858

12th September 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

The person who holds the job title or responsibility for the following within The Health Board:

1. Head / Lead Fetal Surveillance Midwife -

The name of the Head/Lead Fetal Surveillance Midwife is exempt under Section 40 (2) - third party information. The name of the individual members of staff are personal information.

More senior staff within the Trust would have an expectation that their names may be released into the public domain as their role carries a greater level of accountability, since they are likely to be responsible for major policy decisions and the expenditure of public funds.

Other staff would not have this expectation and therefore disclosure of their names would contravene principle (a) which requires the processing of personal data to be lawful, fair and transparent.

We have considered your request and believe this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and therefore the Trust is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

2. Head Practice Development Midwife

The name of the Head Practice Development Midwife is exempt under Section 40 (2) - third party information. The name of the individual members of staff are personal information.

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3. Midwifery Clinical Skills Facilitators

The name of the Midwifery Clinical Skills Facilitators Midwife is exempt under Section 40 (2) - third party information. The name of the individual members of staff are personal information.

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4. Lead Midwife for Continuous Development

There is not a specific role with this in its title. However we do have a Consultant Midwife who is responsible for training and education across maternity services. The above 3 roles report to the consultant midwife. Jen McKenna is the Southern Trust Consultant Midwife.

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