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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Your request for information regarding the qualifications & experience of staff members has been considered and we believe this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Trust cannot provide the qualifications and experience of specific staff members as this is the personal data of the named individuals. Section 40(2) of the Act exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of the information would, among other things, contravene one of the data protection principles in schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act. In this case, it is our belief that disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully.

The individuals named in this request would have no expectation that this information would be released into the public domain and therefore disclosure would breach the first data protection principle.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and therefore the Trust is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

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