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I am responding to your request for information received 24 September 2024. 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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: I am writing to you with the request to share the following public information:

Question 1: Structure chart of all teams supervised by the Associate Director of Information Governance, including names of the team, banding of each type of post/role, number of staff employed at particular role

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 14(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1)Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.

The Trust is refusing your request on vexatious grounds as it is considered to be manifestly unjustified, inappropriate and an improper use of the Freedom of Information Act. As the information requested relates to personal information of various members of the Trust, including an organisation structure and the names of individuals within that structure, the Trust believe this is an attempt to damage the confidentiality and Data Protection rights of employees within the Trust.

As a former member of the Trust, access to such information would have been granted to you previously, this is therefore believed to be an attempt to make such personal information public. This has also been conducted in conjunction with a complex Subject Access Request and the Trust have received four FOIs from yourself this year, including while you were a member of staff at the Trust. The Trust is therefore refusing your request.

If you wish to refine your request to seek a structure chart for each team then please advise. Nonetheless no structure chart will include any names or bandings for the reasons stated above.

Question 2: Structure chart of all teams supervised by the Associate Director of Contracts & Procurement, including names of the team, banding of each type of post/role, number of staff employed at particular role;

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 14(1) of the FOI Act states:

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Question 3: Structure chart of all teams supervised by the Associate Director of Mental Health Law, including names of the team, banding of each type of post/role, number of staff employed at particular role

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 4: Structure chart of all teams supervised by the Head of Complaints and PALS, including names of the team, banding of each type of post/role, number of staff employed at particular role

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

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Question 5: Structure chart of all teams supervised by the Head of Counter-Fraud, including names of the team, banding of each type of post/role, number of staff employed at particular role.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 14(1) of the FOI Act states:

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