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I am responding to your request for information received 16 December 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: We are interested in the role of peer support workers within your organisation. A peer support worker is someone who has obtained their role (paid or voluntary) through having lived experience of mental health services.

Question 1: How many peer support workers are employed within acute inpatient mental health settings

Answer: The Trust has three dedicated inpatient peer support workers (PSW).

Question 2: Are the posts voluntary or paid and if paid at what banding?

Answer: All PSW posts are paid.

The Trust has reviewed your request for banding 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 information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and has the potential for those individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information in detail.

Question 3: Are there any vacant peer support worker posts in these settings and if so how many?

Answer: Currently, the Trust does not have any vacant PSW posts.

Question 4: What strategies and policy documents do you have in place in relation to supporting peer support workers in their roles?

Answer: There are no specific strategies or policy documents specifically for PSWs, as all staff policies relate to them.

However, you may find the following guidance helpful:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/guidance-on-involving-service-users-and-carers-in-mental-health-services.pdf>



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