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Request

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA) entitles you to request a copy of recorded information from a public authority. The majority of your correspondence is not a request for information we hold.

The FOIA does not require a public authority to rectify information, create new information, or provide explanations or definitions, unless that information is already held. Having reviewed the information held on the case we can confirm that we do not hold definitions of job titles, explanations of the rationale behind decision making about job titles, or an explanation of the comment made about 'Patient E'.

With that in mind, you may wish to view our guidance for individuals about requesting information under the FOIA and consider submitting a new request for the recorded information you are interested in.

We have identified the following from your correspondence as a request for recorded information:

'Given the statements made by the Commissioner in his decision notice - IC - 328848 - W4X1, could he please indicate how many names of NEAS staff or now ex staff, mentioned in the Interim Audit One Report, who did not have job titles of , "head of", "chief" or "director of", have been redacted from the Interim Audit One Report, which is now in the public domain?'

We have handled this request under the FOIA.

We received your request on 19 February 2025.

Our response

We hold information in scope of your request.

Six names are redacted from the report that appear from context to be staff members of the North East Ambulance Trust. The initials of four other individuals that appear to be staff members were also redacted.



We cannot guarantee that this is accurate, given that we do not have the ability to check whether the named individuals were in fact employed by the Trust.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full review procedure on our website.

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can raise a complaint through our website.

Your information

Our <u>privacy notice</u> explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and sets out <u>your rights</u>. Our <u>Retention and Disposal Policy</u> details how long we keep information.

Yours sincerely



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