

FOI 0123/2022 Request

Dear Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust

I'm writing to request the name and contact email address of your Trust's Guardian of Safe Working (or similar).

To clarify; the Guardian role (in some Trusts alternatively titled Freedom to Speak Up Guardian, or in some cases sitting under the role of the Health & Safety Manager) oversees exception reporting by junior doctors in the Trust.

Both the role and this mechanism of exception reporting were introduced in 2016 following the implementation of the new junior doctors contract to improve working conditions. Whomever oversees exception reporting, is the person we'd like the name and contact email address for.

The Trust is unable to provide the name or contact details of the Trust's Freedom to Speak Up Guardian and The Guardian for Safe Working Hours for Junior Doctors.

This is because we do not routinely release staff members information for those under a band 8c role.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 40 of the freedom of information Act to deny this aspect of your request.

However, the Trust can provide the Freedom to Speak up email address should you wish to send any correspondences.

Freedom to Speak up email bsmhft.speakup@nhs.net