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Dear,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 28th March 2019, with regards to digital technology leadership.

Request / Response:

The purpose of these questions is to inform research into digital technology leadership within the NHS in England. Please answer the questions as accurately as possible within this context.

The NHS uses a range of terms IT, IM&T, Information, Digital, Technology among others to describe the roles and departments responsible for digital, technology, systems and leadership. When answering the following questions please consider carefully if you have single leadership for these or if they are split at the board level. If the roles are split, please provide all roles at board level with responsibility for aspects of digital technology.

For clarity please consider the following example.

A nurse working in the community uses a device to record interaction with the patient. This information forms part of the electronic record for that patient. Who at Board level within your organisation below the Chair and CEO are ultimately responsible for all of the components, system, service, technical tool training and support that goes to deliver that tool to the nurse.

1. On the Executive Management Board of your organisation what is the role/job title of the person with responsibility of digital technology and information within your organisation?
2. What other responsibilities does the role identified in question 1 have in addition to digital technology?

3. If the board level role has digital technology as part of their portfolio, please ask them to estimate what percentage of their time is spent on their digital technology role.
4. Does the person in the current board level digital leadership role hold any professional qualifications in digital technology?
5. What is the NHS pay band for the board role with responsibility for digital technology?

Response: Questions 1-5. As a commissioning organisation, the structure that you refer to in your questions is not in place as you would find in a hospital trust and so your questions do not directly apply. As such, we have provided information below in line with our current structure. If you require any further detail or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The CCG has a Governing Body rather than an Executive Management Board and is constituted differently. The Chief Officer has responsibility for digital technology and information, however please note that the Chief Finance and Contracting Officer acts as the SIRO and a Chief Clinical Information Officer has been appointed, both of whom are voting members of the Governing Body, which is predominantly made up of GP's rather than executive directors. The Chief Officer has overall responsibility for all aspects of the organisation and has managerial responsibility for the digital lead, therefore receiving regular updates on digital technology and information and directing action where required. The digital lead also reports regularly to the Chief Finance and Contracts Officer on information governance matters and works closely with the Chief Clinical Information Officer to ensure appropriate oversight, systems and governance are in place. The NHS pay band for the Chief Officer is VSM (Very Senior Manager).

We do not hold information of what percentage of time the Chief Officer spends on digital technology. This is not possible to estimate as it can vary widely depending on circumstances. Due to the seniority of the roles, the Digital, Research and innovation Lead and Chief Clinical Information Officer hold appropriate qualifications for digital leadership.

6. Within your organisation what is the Job title of the person with day to day management responsibility for Digital technology.

Response: Digital, Research & Innovation Lead

7. What is the agenda for change pay band for the role identified in question 4.

Response: This question has been answered. However, if you intended to ask for the pay band of the post in question 6, this is Band 8c.

8. If the role identified in question 4 is a Board member are they a full member with executive voting rights? Yes/No/NA

Response:

Chief Officer: Yes

Digital, Research & Innovation Lead: No

9. What is the role title of the person who is the Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) within your organisation?

Response: Chief Finance and Contracts Officer

10. In the light of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock's statement on 28th November 2018 "So if you're a chief executive, I don't expect you to know everything about tech, but I do expect you to have a chief information officer on the board who does". Has your board formally discussed changes to the board in relation to digital technology?

Response: The organisation has recently appointed a Chief Clinical Information Officer who is a Governing Body Member.

11. Has your organisation got plans in place to discuss changing digital technology leadership at the board level?

Response: No

12. Has your organisation got a plan to change technology leadership at board level and if so what are the time scales for this to be achieved.

Response: No

13. On average over the past 3 years what is the total annual revenue spending on digital technology systems and services within your organisation? I am looking for a total figure for all of the recurring revenue spending on staff, systems, licensing, 3rd party support etc.

Response: £4,413,447

14. On average over the past 3 years what is the total annual capital spending on digital technology systems and services within your organisation. Again, I am looking for a total figure for spending on hardware, software, systems, 3rd parties, project management and implementation etc.

Response: £1,231,537

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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