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Request:

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Under the Freedom of information act could you please email me personnel structure/ organisational charts for all the directorates (Medical and Non-Medical Including IT, HR and Finance), please ensure the structure charts list all names and job titles as the ones available your website don't contain this information. If you don't have any with this information please could you send me a separate list.



Response:

Responded: 20/04/2010

Dear

Thank you for your request for information, placed under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

As you are aware, organisational and departmental structure charts are available on our website at:

http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/talking_with_us/freedom_of_information/classes_of_information/who_we_are_and_what_we_do.aspx

These are currently under review and we intend to publish revised versions as this work is completed. We would therefore rely on s22 exemption. As far as the public interest consideration, the Trust takes the view that it is a part of the effective conduct of public affairs that the general publication of information is a conveniently planned and managed activity within the reasonable control of public authorities. We therefore consider it appropriate that the Trust is enabled sufficient time to undertake the work required to publish the material.

As far as providing the names and job titles of departmental employees, the Chief Executive takes the view that s36 exemption applies in that to release this information would be prejudicial to the conduct of public affairs by causing potential approaches to managers who have no authority in this respect. This is because the Trust adheres to both NHS tendering and public sector procurement guidelines and speculative email and telephone approaches to managers are unwelcome.

We are aware that the public interest test once again applies and we have taken into account that disclosure may promote accountability and transparency for the decisions taken by the officers concerned; we conclude that this consideration is satisfied by publication of accounts and scrutiny by the regulatory authorities, and that details of senior responsible managers and directional information about how to contact the Trust is available on our website at the following links:

http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/about_us/who_we_are/trust_board/trust_board_members.aspx

http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/talking_with_us.aspx



The Trust has therefore concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure

I am sorry to provide with what I imagine will be a disappointing response. I am however obliged to advise you that if you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request you have a right to complain to the Trust and should set out your concerns to Mr Peter Suter, Director of Information Management & Technology, London Ambulance Service NHS Trust, 220 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8SD. If you then still remain dissatisfied, you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to seek a determination from the Information Commissioner on whether the Act has been properly applied by the Trust. For more information, please see www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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