**FOI - 6527**

**The role of Director/Chief/Lead of AHPs is commonly described as** *“Providing Workforce Leadership for Allied Health Professions, map the current AHP workforce across the trust, work with other trust AHP Directors and develop a strategic workforce plan for recruitment and retention of Allied Health Professions within the trust.”*1

**Section 1. Within your Trust, do you have a role that meets the above description?**

[ ]  Yes

[x]  **No**

**If the answer is “Yes” answer section 2 only, and if the answer is “No” answer Section 3 only.**

**Section 2**

2.1. What is title?

[ ]  Director of AHPs

[ ]  Chief AHP

[ ]  Lead AHP

[ ]  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.2 When was the role of Director/Chief/Lead AHP or its equivalent first created within the Trust?

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2.3. Is there someone currently in this post?

[ ]  Yes

[x]  **No**

If no, why not?

**Information not held**

2.4. If yes, are they registered as an allied health professional (AHP)?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

2.5 If yes, which profession?

[ ]  Art Therapist

[ ]  Drama therapist

[ ]  Music therapist

[ ]  Chiropodist/podiatrist

[ ]  Dietitian

[ ]  Occupational therapist

[ ]  Operating Department Practitioner

[ ]  Orthoptist

[ ]  Osteopath

[ ]  Paramedic

[ ]  Physiotherapist

[ ]  Prosthetist

[ ]  Orthotist

[ ]  Radiographer

[ ]  Speech and language therapist

2.6. If they are not registered as an AHP, what is their professional background?

2.7. Does this individual have a position on the Trust board?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

2.8. Which Allied Healthcare professions are employed by your Trust?

(Please complete the table below)

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|  | Select the AHP professions employed by your Trust | If your Trust employs this profession, select if the Director/Chief/Lead AHP or its equivalent leads/directs this profession |
| Art Therapists | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Drama therapists | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Music therapists | [x]  | [ ]  |
| Chiropodists/podiatrists | [x]  | [ ]  |
| DietitiansOccupational therapists | [x]  [x]  | [x]  |
| Operating Department Practitioners | [x]  | [ ]  |
| Orthoptists | [x]  | [ ]  |
| Osteopaths | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Paramedics | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Physiotherapists | [x]  | [ ]  |
| Prosthetists | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Orthotists | [x]  | [ ]  |
| Radiographers | [x]  | [ ]  |
| Speech and language therapists | [x]  | [ ]  |

**Section 3.**

It has been shown that *“there are benefits to improvement activity, as well as to the visibility and influence of the AHP workforce on the Trust’s priorities when there is a designated AHP lead*”, and that these roles should be put in place in each Trust1,2.

3.1. Do you expect to advertise/create a job role meeting the above description within the next 6 months?

**Information not held**

3.2. If no, are you planning to advertise/create this role in the long term 12-24 months?

**Information not held**

3.3 If no, what has been the main barrier/s that are preventing a job role meeting the above description from being created in the long term (12-24months)?

3.4. Is your Trust aware of the NHS England and NHS Improvement strategy (2019 *Investing in chief allied health professionals: insights from trust executives*.) to have designated AHP leads?

**Information not held**

References:

1. NHS England and NHS Improvement. Investing in chief allied health professionals: insights from trust executives. 2019;(July). https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/investing-chief-allied-health-professionals/

2. NHS England and NHS Improvement. *Developing Allied Health Professional Leaders: A Guide for Trust Boards and Clinicians*.; 2019.