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**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

**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

**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 |  |  |
| Chiropodists/podiatrists |  |  |
| Dietitians  Occupational therapists |  |  |
| Operating Department Practitioners |  |  |
| Orthoptists |  |  |
| Osteopaths |  |  |
| Paramedics |  |  |
| Physiotherapists |  |  |
| Prosthetists |  |  |
| Orthotists |  |  |
| Radiographers |  |  |
| Speech and language therapists |  |  |

**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.