

NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

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Dear

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 44349 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

KMPT Veteran Champions

Your request is set out below:

I would like a list of all the Trained Veterans Champions by Service and their contact numbers.

KMPT has 70+ members of staff that have trained as Armed Forces Champions. This is a voluntary role in addition to their positions in the Trust. Their role is to raise awareness of the obligations the Trust has in light of legislation including the Armed Forces Act 2021 and the Armed Forces Covenant to ensure that members of the Armed Forces are not disadvantaged as a result of their serving the country. Being an AF champion covers serving personnel, veterans, families and carers. Service champions support organisations achieve and maintain Armed forces accreditations with recognised initiatives such as the Employers Recognition Scheme and Veteran's Aware.

Services champions can help to understand the needs of the AF community to inform services and service delivery of their needs, as well as considering the needs of employees who may fall under the AF community. Service champions have a forum in which to meet every 6 weeks to discuss issues, questions that may arise in their depts or services. It is a collaborative and reflective space to consider needs and how we may meet them.

In order to ensure that staff are able to fully meet their organisational public duties, personal contact details for individuals are exempt from release under section 36 (conduct of public affairs) Freedom of Information Act 2000, and both the public interest test, and prejudice test enable the organisation to engage this exemption in this instance. For further information about how to contact the Veterans Op Courage Service please see our website at <u>KMPT | Veterans' Op Courage Service</u>

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

Sent via email

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of The Information Governance Department