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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 293-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about the Trust's Mental Health Act Managers. Please find the Trust's response below.

1. The equality and diversity data you hold on those persons currently appointed by the trust to exercise the hospital managers' discharge power contained in s.23 of the Mental Health Act 1983. The post to which these individuals are appointed is generally referred to as that of 'Associate Hospital Manager' (AHMs) or 'Hospital Manager', although other titles exist. **We currently have 17 lay Mental Health Act Managers appointed specifically to exercise this power. 9 are male and 8 female. All but one are considered to be white British.**
2. If applicable, please separate the data for the Chair and Non-Executive Directors who exercise the s.23 power, and any other persons appointed specifically to exercise the power. **All of our NEDs are eligible for the role and 3 currently sit on panels, these are Maria Bond, Marcia Gallagher and Nikki Richardson (more information on our Board members can be found by following the link below).**
<https://www.2gether.nhs.uk/board-and-governors/meet-our-board/>
3. The total number of people currently appointed by the Trust as AHMs. **20**
4. The policies relating to period of appointment, re-appointment processes/appraisals, dismissal processes for AHMs. **See attached.**
5. The standard contract of appointment / engagement given to AHMs. **See attached.**

Yours sincerely,

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