



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 28/02/18.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information.

1. Has the trust been asked by NHS Improvement (NHSI) to take part in workshops about the NHS whistleblower employment support scheme?

Yes our Trust was invited to attend a work shop in respect to the NHS whistle-blower employment support scheme.

Unfortunately the Trust was unable to send a delegate to the event on the date(s) offered, however the Freedom to Speak Up Guardian was apprised of the scheme at a learning set run by the National Guardian's office through NHS employers.

If so, please disclose correspondence between the trust and NHSI about this, and any information about the scheme, provided to the trust by NHSI.

The original letter no longer remains on file; however please find attached a copy of the agenda for your information.

2. Has the trust been asked by NHSI to provide any managers to act as panellists for on the whistleblower employment support scheme?

We are unaware of any directed formal written invitation for panel members. Invitation to join the panel membership and associated training has been via newsletters and verbal invitation during various presentations and communication.

If so, please disclose the relevant correspondence between the trust and NHSI.

Attached for your information are various newsletters inviting expressions of interest for panel members.

3. Has the trust been asked by NHSI to provide any of the following types of support to whistleblowers on the pilot employment support scheme:

- access to libraries*
- training opportunities*
- shadowing*
- guaranteed interviews for participants on the scheme*
- placements?*

If so please disclose a copy of the correspondence from NHSI.

We are not aware of requests for support directly to Trusts other than through the workshops.

4. Has the trust agreed to provide any of the following types of support to whistleblowers on NHSI's pilot employment support scheme:

- access to libraries*
- training opportunities*
- shadowing*
- guaranteed interviews for participants on the scheme*
- placements?*

The Trust has not been directly approached in this respect would be very happy to support such schemes where this is appropriate.

5. Has the trust provided any of the above types of support to whistleblowers on NHSI's the pilot employment support scheme?

If so, please indicate how many whistleblowers has the trust supported in this way.

Through the work and contacts of the National Guardians Office in liaison with NHSI's NHS whistleblower employment support scheme we are aware of 7 participants on the pilot scheme.

As yet the Trust has not been approached regarding offers of support but we understand the scheme would proactively approach Trust's should there be an applicant in the area.