

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 18/19: 612**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 13/02/2019.

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

1. *When did the trust first appoint a Freedom To Speak Up Guardian, champion, ambassador or equivalent?*

**2015**

2. *How many individuals currently hold such posts within the trust?*

**1**

3. *Please give the professional backgrounds and seniority of all the Freedom To Speak Up Guardians or equivalent who have ever been appointed.*

**Director level. Appointments have had/ have clinical backgrounds.**

4. *Is there ring fenced time for these posts, and if so what is the total WTE?*

**No**

5. *Please advise if any Freedom To Speak Up Guardians have stepped down, and if so, how long were they in post as Freedom To Speak Up Guardians?*

**No Freedom To Speak Up Guardians have stepped down in the Trust.**

6. *Please provide by, financial year, a spreadsheet which gives the number, broad nature of concerns raised with your Freedom To Speak Up Guardian(s) or equivalent, and the outcome.*

**Exemption under Section 21 – Information Accessible by Other Means**

**The information you have requested is largely available publicly through other means at <https://www.cqc.org.uk/national-guardians-office/content/speaking-data>.**

7. *Please advise how many times your Freedom To Speak Up Guardian(s) or equivalent have escalated any whistleblowing case issues to:*

- i. *the National Guardian*

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- ii. *the Care Quality Commission*

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