

Freedom of Information Request

Request:

Please forward the internal telephone directory for the NHS Pension Scheme

Status: Complete**Response Date:** 21 December 2010

I have enclosed a table showing the NHS Pension Scheme Senior Managers telephone numbers.

However, some of the information you requested relating to telephone numbers for lower level staff is being withheld as it falls under the exemption in section 40 (3) (a) (i) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is because details of an individual staff member are personal data. Disclosure of this information would breach the first principle of the Data Protection Act, as it would be unfair. I have reproduced the exemption below for your reference:

Section 40 - Personal information

(1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if -

a it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and

b either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.

(3) The first condition is -

a in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene -

i any of the data protection principles

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