

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Ref: DPT 16/17/325**  
**Date: 04/04/2017**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act.

**QUESTION & RESPONSE**

1. The dates of Jon Andrewes' employment with Devon Partnership NHS trust as a non-executive director

**Response: 1 May 2014 – 1 August 2016**

2. Details of who appointed him to this role, and whether his qualifications were checked as part of the appointment process. If so, how were they checked?

**Response: Appointed by NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS Improvement (NHSI) as it is now referred). NHSI would need to answer this question. The Trust does not hold this information.**

3. Which NHS bodies provided references for Jon Andrewes when he was appointed by Devon Partnership NHS Trust?

**Response: The Trust does not hold this information. NHSI would need to answer this question as NHSI appoint NEDs.**

4. How did Devon Partnership NHS Trust establish that Jon Andrewes was a Fit and Proper Person to be a trust director, both at the point of his appointment and on a continuing basis? Please give details of the assurance that the trust relied upon when establishing that he was a Fit and Proper Person.

**Response: Attached is a public Board paper which sets out the process that applies to all Directors the Trust.**

5. The dates of Jon Andrewes' appointment and tenure as Devon Partnership NHS trust's Freedom To Speak Up Guardian, and whether the Trust has kept a record of the staff cases and disclosures that he handled in this capacity. If so, please disclose the relevant data of number of whistleblowing cases, type of cases and outcomes.

**Response: Mr Andrewes was appointed as the NED link for Freedom To Speak Up from 9 February 2016 until his leaving date. No cases were handled by Mr Andrewes.**

6. Whether Devon Partnership trust has reviewed Jon Andrewes' handling of trust whistleblowing cases since his fraudulent CV came to the trust's attention.

**Response: Not applicable – see response above.**

7. The dates of Jon Andrewes' tenure as a member of Devon Partnership NHS Trust's Audit Committee, and details of how the trust established that he had the appropriate skills and experience to be a committee member. This is with respect to the following comments in trust Board papers:

*“Audit Committee The Audit Committee meets the requirements of the NHS Audit Committee Handbook. It is chaired by Mary Moore. The other Non-executive members of the Audit Committee are Liz Childs, Jon Andrewes and Tim Tamblyn. **Members have relevant skills and experience in clinical, financial and risk management fields.**”*

*Trust board papers 31 May 2016*

**Response: Mr Andrewes became a member of the Audit Committee on his appointment. The Trust would have been appraised of his relevant skills, experience etc via the appointment process led by NHS Trust Development Authority.**

8. When did Devon Partnership NHS Trust become aware of the concerns about Jon Andrewes' fraudulent CV, and how did Devon Partnership NHS Trust learn of the concerns?

**Response: 15 December 2016 via the NHS Fraud team.**

9. Please disclose any correspondence between Devon Partnership NHS Trust and NHS Improvement (and its predecessor NHS Trust Development Authority) about Jon Andrewes' appointment as a trust non-executive director, and about his fraudulent CV.

**Response: This is personal data which cannot be disclosed.**

**This information is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as it constitutes personal data disclosure of which would contravene the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act 1998.**

10. Whether Devon Partnership NHS trust has reviewed its governance and processes for board appointments since it became aware that Jon Andrewes used a fraudulent CV. If a report was produced as a result of such a review, please disclose it.

**Response: Mr Andrewes was a Non -Executive and these appointments are made by NHS Improvement. The Trust continues to remind and look to all its members to uphold the Nolan principles of – selflessness, objectivity, openness , leadership and integrity at each of its Board of Director meetings.**

## **APPEALS PROCEDURE**

Any appeal against this decision should be made in writing to:

Chief Information Officer, Devon Partnership NHS Trust, Wonford House  
Hospital, Dryden Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 5AF

The decision will be reviewed and a response provided within 20 working days. If you remain unsatisfied by the decision a complaint may be made in writing to the Complaints/Litigation Administrator at the above address for the matter to be dealt with in accordance with the Trust complaints policy.

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