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**Freedom of Information request: 20230404-3**

Dear Minh Alexander

Thank you for your request for information dated 4 April 2023.  
Your request has been managed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NHS Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) transitioned to NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board (ICB) on the 1 July 2022. These changes came about due to the Health and Care Act 2022. You can find more information about this [here](#).

Our ICB is known publicly as 'NHS Birmingham and Solihull'. The ICB is the successor body to the CCG. Any information provided that predates 1 July 2022, will refer to the CCG.

**Request**

**Circumstances of David Rosser's employment and information disclosed to Mike Bewick**

Thank you for the further FOI response from the ICB on this matter.

I feel the ICB has not responded to my FOI request. It has answered past the point and possibly disingenuously.

The ICB has stated in its response that Mike Bewick knew about the circumstances of David Rosser's new role because they came into the public domain on 18 November 2022, when David Rosser's appointment to the regional role of "Strategic Director of Regional Digital Health and Care" was announced, before Mike Bewick took on the UHB review.

Also, the ICB indicated that Mike Bewick was nonetheless informed of these details upon being appointed by the ICB, [to undertake the phase 1 rapid review of University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust].

However, in my FOI request I specifically asked the ICB if Mike Bewick has been informed of the fact that David Rosser had been “hosted” by the ICB and was reporting to the ICB chief executive.

These facts were disclosed to me only via an ICB FOI response in February 2023.

It was not public knowledge that David Rosser had in fact, as the ICB admitted in February, remained in UHB’s employment.

This was despite coordinated press releases by both UHB and ICB which gave the impression that he had left UHB.

These facts about his continuing employment by UHB and secondment to the ICB did not come into the public domain until late March when they were revealed by the BBC: first by Michele Paduano, and then Newsnight on 28 March 2023.

Accordingly, could the ICB provide a response to my specific questions as follows.

Did the ICB inform Mike Bewick upon appointing him, to undertake the phase 1 rapid review into UHB, that David Rosser:

- a) Was still employed by UHB?
- b) Was “hosted” by the ICB?
- c) Was reporting to the ICB CEO?

Please also advise of an additional matter:

- 1) Upon being contracted to undertake the phase 1 rapid review of UHB, did Mike Bewick inform the ICB of the basis upon which he called himself “Professor”?
- 2) Did Mike Bewick provide the ICB with details of his qualifications and how he came by this title of "Professor"?

#### Response

- a) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull do hold the information requested**  
Yes.
- b) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull do hold the information requested**  
Yes.
- c) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull do hold the information requested**  
Yes.
- 1-2) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull do hold the information requested**  
IQ4U Consultants LTD provided a summary of the background of all of the team that would participate in the review, as part of the appointment process. No specific issues were raised or explored relating to Mike Bewick’s professorship.

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Yours sincerely,

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