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## REQUEST

**This request is for Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals**

1. The organisational chart for your procurement department, including logistics and warehousing and other associated sub-units of the procurement and purchasing function.

Please include the job titles and Agenda for Change banding. For those instances where there are multiple people employed in the same role (for example, by way of a hypothetical: “contract manager” or “materials manager”), please include a headcount and FTE for that role.

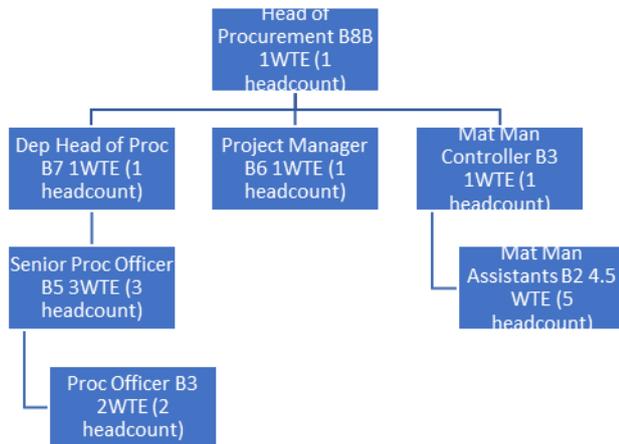
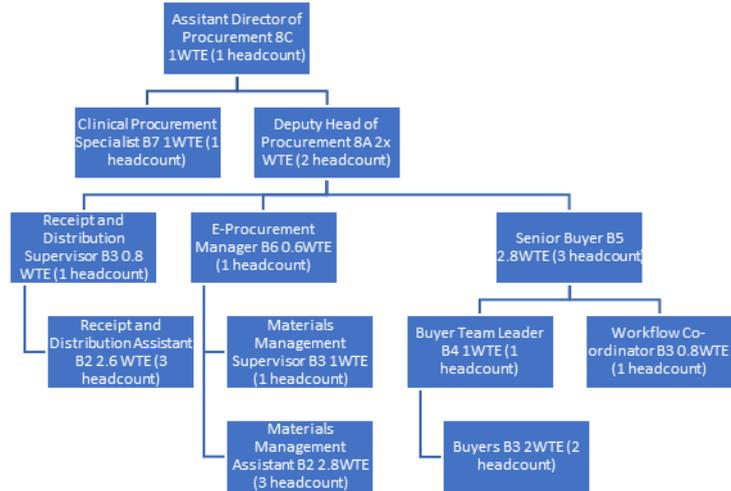
Please also include the names of people on this organisational chart only where appropriate. I appreciate that many of the people on the chart will be too junior to have their names released and I would ask that you redact them.

2. A breakdown of your procurement department staff headcount in each Agenda for Change band by gender and ethnicity.

## RESPONSE

Response included. Please note that the organisation, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust was formed following the merger of St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. The current structure reflects

that prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July the two organisations had separate procurement departments.



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We are unable to provide this information you require relating to the gender and ethnicity of staff as when used along with the low numbers exemption it could identify the individuals in question.

This would constitute personal information and would be considered exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40 (FOI Act) provides an exemption to disclosure, where disclosure would contravene any of the Data Protection principles. This exemption is an absolute exemption that is not subject to the public interest test. Where the information relates to an individual who can be identified from that data, or from that data when added to other information, in the possession of, or likely to come into the

possession of the data controller, this meets the definition of personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act.