

The AHSN Network

By email to: []

Email address: []

Date: 25 September 2023

Dear [],

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request received on 29 August 2023. For information, the AHSN Network is not a legal entity, it is an affiliation of 15 local AHSNs. I am, however, able to provide a response as the AHSN Network Co-ordination Director on behalf of the 15 AHSNs in respect of the information held jointly. In some instances, information requested relates to one of the individual member AHSNs, and your request has been forwarded to them for their specific response.

Some of the information requested relates to third parties and/or is likely to relate to or affect the interests of third parties and so we are consulting with them in accordance with the Section 45 Code of Practice. This is therefore the first stage of the AHSN Network's response, and we will provide a further response when we have completed the consultation process, which we anticipate will be complete by 19 October.

1. *Copies of any due diligence and/or evaluation work held by the AHSN.*

The AHSN Network has previously published responses to questions on due diligence and evaluation. These are available on the Network's FOI disclosure log on the AHSN Network website, here: [Freedom of Information - The AHSN Network](#). See Serenity Integrated Mentoring (SIM) and High Intensity Network FOI Part II response letter, 3 September and, in particular responses to questions 2,3,4 and 7. In addition, in May 2023, the AHSN Network published an independent review into its role in supporting the adoption of SIM. This, together with the AHSN Network response to the review have been published on our website, here: [Independent Review of AHSN Network involvement in supporting mental health trusts and police forces in the adoption of the Serenity Integrated Mentoring \(SIM\) model - The AHSN Network](#).

2. *A copy of the agreement under which Sergeant Paul Jennings was seconded to NHS England as a result of his 2016 NHS Innovation Accelerator award.*

This information is not held by any of the AHSN Network members. This is a question we suggest you direct to NHS England and/or Hampshire Constabulary.

3. *Copies of two reports which I understand the AHSN (Health Innovation Network) produced on SIM – one in 2020 and a second in 2021 – at the request of South London Partnership Trusts*



This is a matter for the Health Innovation Network South London, and we have forwarded your request to them and have asked them to respond directly. If you would like to contact them, the best email is hin.comms@nhs.net. You may also find the following web link helpful, [Serenity Integrated Mentoring \(SIM\) - Health Innovation Network](#).

4. *Correspondence between the AHSN and NHS England mentioning SIM between September 2022 and the present.*

As explained above, the AHSN Network is not a legal entity but an affiliation of the 15 AHSNs in England. The information requested relates to third parties and/or is likely to affect the interests of third parties and so we are consulting with them in accordance with the Section 45 Code of Practice. This is therefore the first stage of the AHSN Network's response, and we will provide a further response when we have completed the consultation process, which we anticipate will be complete by 19 October.

In addition, some information has been withheld as it is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000; in particular:

- Section 42 – where the information is subject to legal professional privilege. For clarity, information subject to legal professional privilege has been shared between the AHSN Network and NHS England in circumstances where common interest privilege applies.

5. *Copies of the following documents mentioned in the response to this previous FOI request [R2-Serenity-Integrated-Mentoring-SIM-and-High-Intensity-Network-FOI-Part-II-Response-letter---3-September-2021.pdf \(ahsnnetwork.com\)](#)*

a) Risk Register

b) Extract from Q4 Monitoring Report on national programmes, 2019/20

c) Equivalence criteria

d) Equivalence protocol

e) MDs' briefing for end of national SIM programme March 2020. This is a note to all AHSN Chief Officers setting out the national position on SIM as AHSN Network support for SIM came to an end at the end of March 2020.

f) Details about the decision-making process relating to adopting SIM as a national AHSN programme (response to Q11).

The documents have previously been published on the AHSN Network disclosure log alongside the covering letter responding to the FOI applicant. See Network website FOIs and Freedom of Information Act request regarding Serenity Integrated Mentoring (SIM) 2021, and the two links referencing "supplementary documents."



If you are dissatisfied with this response, please come back to me and I will ensure that your concerns are addressed by the relevant AHSN's Freedom of Information complaints contact. You also have the right to request a decision from the Information Commissioner (ICO) as to whether we have discharged our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The ICO can be contacted at: Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,



Charlie Walton
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