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Thank you for your request concerning Solicitors Listed For Detention Appeals.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. **Please provide the list of solicitors which your trust maintains and provides to patients who wish to challenge their detention and detained under the mental health act.**

Please see attached our list of approved solicitors.

2. **Please detail the process of how solicitors are selected for placement on these lists and the team which deals with such requests as well as how often the lists are updated.**

The list was originally based on solicitors local to Hertfordshire however it has grown as solicitors have contacted us and requested that they are added to the list.

If a legal representative writes to the MHA office asking to be added to the list, we check the Law Society website to ensure that they have appropriate accreditation and if so they will be added to the list when next reviewed/updated.

The list is updated approximately every 6 months

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).



