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Dear Mr Mumford

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email dated 5 May 2020, requesting information regarding the Trust's IT Director role.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your request:

We understand that the Trust recruited a joint IT Director role between Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust and Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust this year as a cost saving exercise.

We understand that the Trust (Kent Community Health) has subsequently kept on the temporary Assistant Director of IT for 12 months more.

Where has the extra funding for this come from for this role?

The trust will claim some costs from the Covid19 cost claim process.

What reasons did the Trust and IT director have for extending the temporary role?

To manage the day to day running of the department and support the Covid19 emergency response and reset.

What steps are being made to ensure that the Trust IT Management costs are not being unnecessarily stretched?

The IT function is working well supporting the trust emergency response and reset and this is kept under review.

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How will the Trusts deem that the 12 month Joint Director role is successful / unsuccessful?

As with any role subject to personal objectives, including how well the two trusts have collaborated on IT matters and maximising funding opportunities with NHSX.

Can the Trusts expand on how this joint role saves costs and improves quality of the service?

System working is at the heart of the way the NHS needs to function, the IT strategy delivers enablers to improve the productivity of clinicians such as the introduction of video consultations.

Are there any other Joint Director roles planned in the next 12 months or already exist and what are the objectives of these?

No, but the trust is working with partner organisations on many projects and issues.

Please could you provide a copy of the IM&T Structure including Band for all roles in the directorate?

Attached below at Appendix 1.

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Yours sincerely

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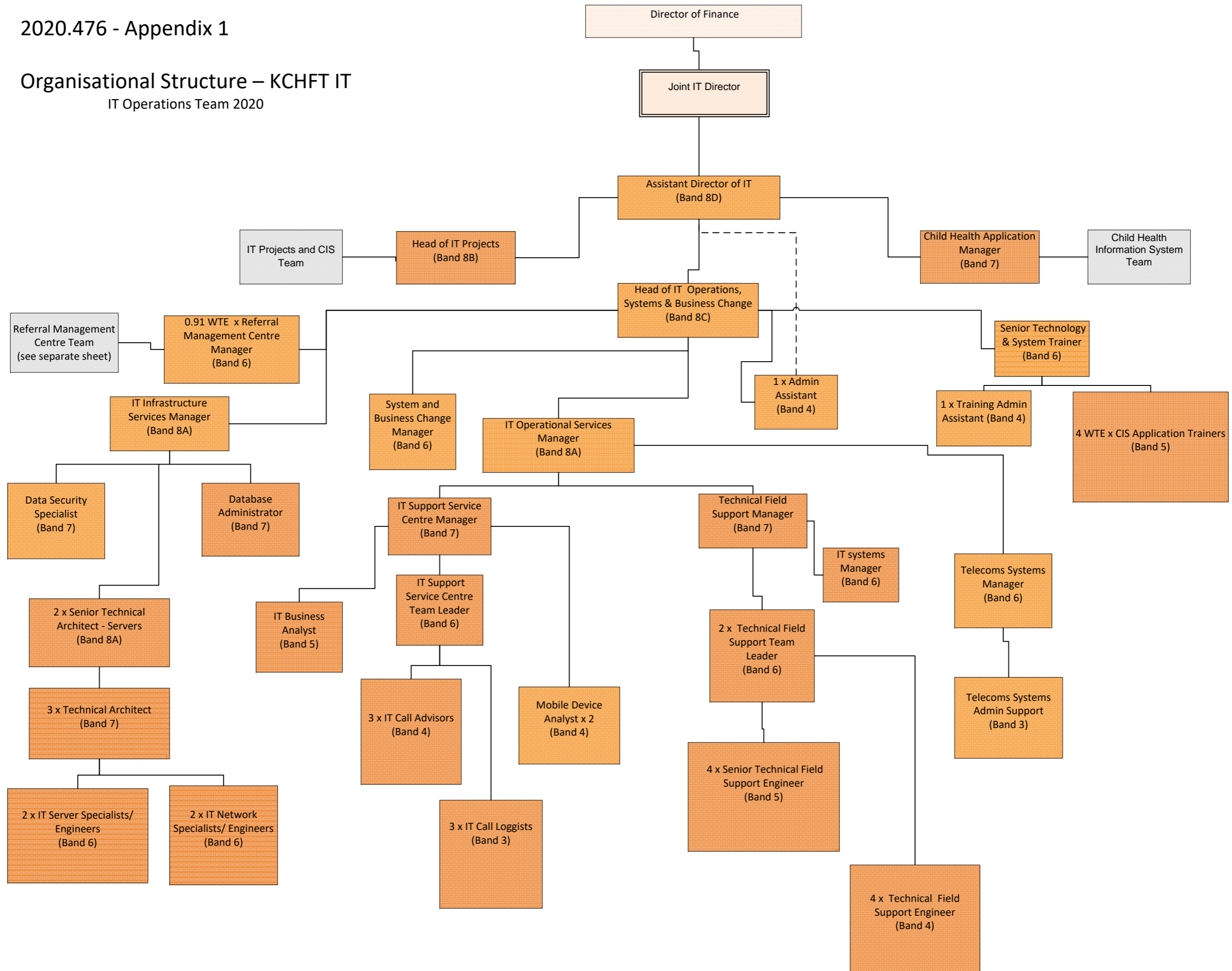
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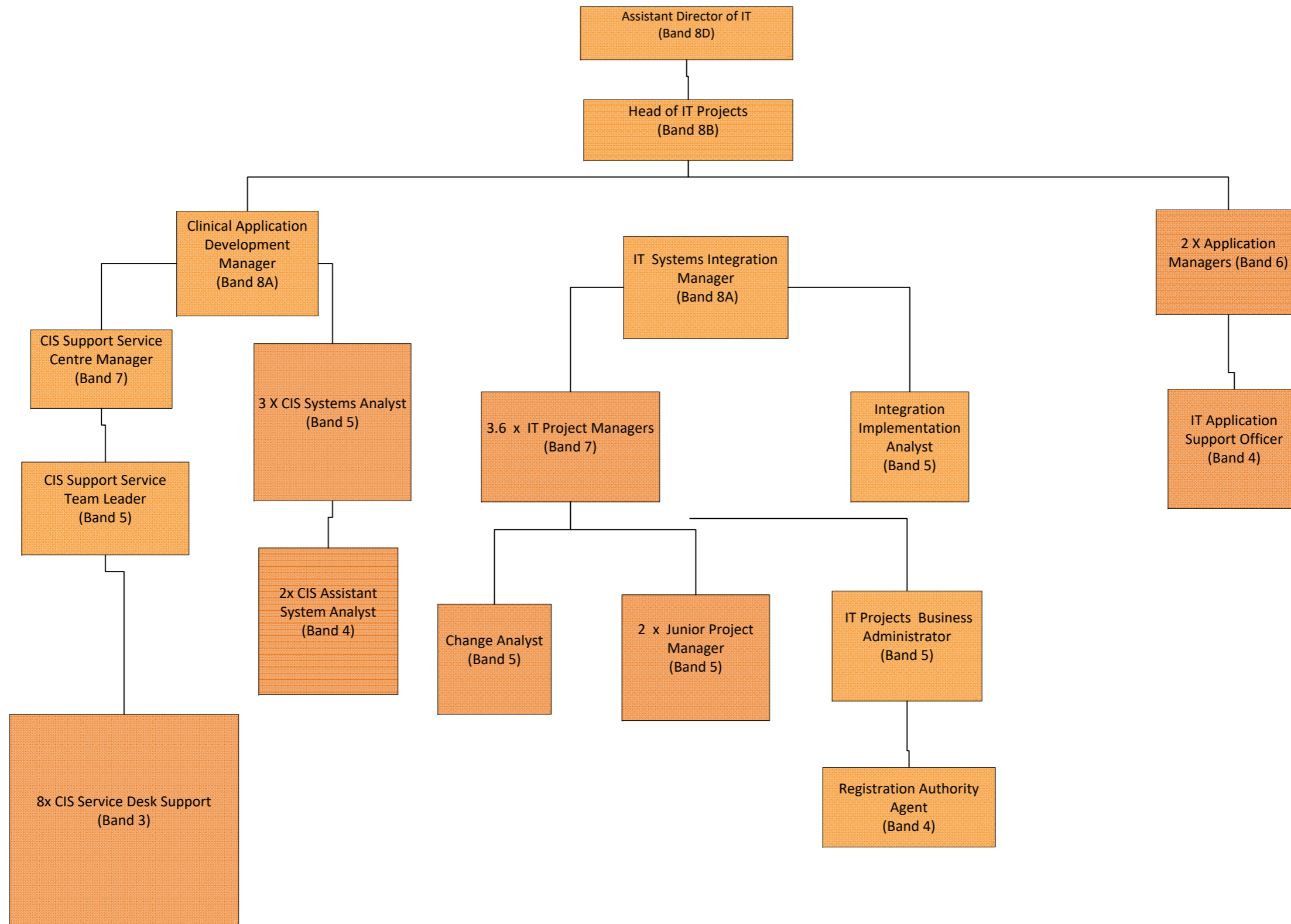
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