

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-327

26 May 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting
- **Do A&E and mental health specialist staff follow the SHARE guidance regarding CONSENT, CONFIDENTIALITY & INFORMATION SHARING IN MENTAL HEALTHCARE & SUICIDE PREVENTION?**
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1013010/zero-suicide-alliance-share.pdf

If not, what guidance or protocol do you follow regarding vulnerable patients?

- **If so, do you provide training on this guidance? Is this training mandatory?**
- **In the last year, or six months should this exceed the cost limit, how many times was this protocol enacted? Essentially, I would like to know how many times did your NHS trust shares information about somebody being at risk of suicide with another agency, including police, councils, social workers.**

We do not enact the 'SHARE' guidance within the Trust in the manner described. However, we have specific guidance on consent and confidentiality sharing as described by the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and required for our National Accreditation that is embedded in our clinical SOP. The RCPsych guidance supersedes the 'SHARE' guidance. Liaison Psychiatry Service staff have this 'model of consent confidentiality' sharing embedded in their practice and provide training and education for Emergency Department staff in that regard (it is not mandatory for Emergency Department staff, but seen as good practice to undertake). The 'how many times' point is not applicable.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Publication

Please note that this letter and the information included/attached will be published on our website as part of the Trust's Freedom of Information Publication Log. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed to the public, not just to the individual making the request. We will remove any personal information (such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

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Yours sincerely

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