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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 118-2021

Thank you for your email dated the 26th April 2021, requesting information in relation to guidelines for drug dependency.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. Please could you confirm whether in January 2020 you had any local guidance in place, which specifically considered, in an acute setting:

- *the management of withdrawal from illicit drugs*
and/or
- *the continuation of community substitution prescriptions for drug dependence (such as opioid substitution therapy)*
and/or
- *the initiation of such a prescription*

As a tertiary specialist cancer treatment centre, we do not treat or manage the above, we therefore do not have any specific guidance in place for this. However, should this arise, we would seek guidance from the relevant specialist services, and refer these patients out to the appropriate service for management and treatment.

2. Please could you share this guidance with us (as it was in January 2020) under the terms of the FOI Act, or otherwise point us to where it could be found in the public domain.

N/A – Please see above

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and 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: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/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.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

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