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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Within the SHSCT are the BHRS Standards for Continuous Cardiac Monitoring in place (specifically within the Cardiology Service). If so is compliance with the guidance included as a key performance indicator for the Cardiology Service and is it subject to an audit programme.

Response:

At present there are no key performance indicators used to audit compliance with Cardiac Monitoring Standards.

However a SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) was devised based on monitoring principles to be followed by staff.

Cardiac monitors are observed 24/7 by a trained member of staff. Each hour the member of staff reviews each patient on a cardiac monitor and records their rate and rhythm. This is stored in the patient notes on discharge.

Each day all patients on monitors are reviewed by the medical team and decisions regarding continuation or discontinuation of monitoring is discussed.

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