

FOI 2884

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Is it possible you could also provide me with a copy of the SHSCT policies/guidelines on the specific following areas?

- 1. Falls policy/ guidance**
- 2. Head injury policy /guidance**
- 3. Infection Prevention & Control Policy/guidance for both acute & community**
- 4. Consent to Examination, Treatment and Care Policy/Guidance**
- 5. Contenance Policy /Guidance**
- 6. Skin care Policy / Guidance**
- 7. Anti-microbial agents' guidance/SHSCT policy on same**
- 8. Accessing respite care policy**

ACS Response

- 1. Falls Policy / Guidance
Response:**



Falls Policy.pdf

- 2. Head injury policy/guidance
Response:**



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- 3. Infection Prevention & Control Policy/guidance for both acute & community
Response:**

There is no single, general Trust Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) policy.

However, the SHSCT follow (IPC) principles outlined within the 'NI Infection Prevention & Control Manual' (available at: [NI Infection Control Manual](#)), which is maintained regionally to ensure information and guidance is up to date. These principles are applicable across acute and community settings. A regional IPC mandatory training programme is utilised to ensure IPC principles are embedded in practice.

Where available, current regional and/ or national guidance is adhered to regarding the management of specific infections and other IPC related matters, including the

environment and estate. Additionally, there are a number of Trust guidelines on certain IPC practices (for example, hand hygiene) and management of specific infections. These guidelines are currently under review.

SHSCT continue to work collaboratively with regional colleagues towards recommendations and targets set within the National action plan 'Confronting antimicrobial resistance 2014 to 2019' (available at: [Confronting antimicrobial resistance 2014 to 2019](#)).

4 Consent to Examination, Treatment and Care Policy/Guidance Response:



Gaining Consent to Treat.pdf

5. Continence Policy / Guidance Response:

There is no single, general SHSCT Adult Continence Policy/Guidance

There are several documents/guidelines in use in the SHSCT Adult Continence Service which include information related to Continence guidance:

- Royal Marsden (2020) chapter 6 Elimination, [Overview - Royal Marsden Manual](#)



Catheter Guidelines.pdf

- SHSCT- Adult Continence Service- Catheter Guidelines
- SHSCT- Adult Continence Service- Continence Assessment and Containment Products



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6. Skin Care Policy / Guidance Response:

There is no single, general SHSCT Skin care Policy / guideline.

There are several documents/guidelines in use in the SHSCT which include information related to Skin Care guidance:

- SHSCT (2021) Pressure ulcer prevention and management policy



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- Regional information leaflet PHA: Pressure ulcer prevention – Information for patients and carers



Pressure Ulcer
Prevention Adult Bo

- Regional Pressure ulcer prevention information leaflet for Children



Pressure Ulcer
Childrens Booklet PI

- Royal Marsden (2020) chapter 18 Wound Management [Overview - Royal Marsden Manual](#)
- Regional Community Nursing SSKIN bundle Assessment booklet



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SKIN bundle 2023 v7

- Pressure Ulcer Risk Assessment Purpose T



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- Wounds UK (2018) Best Practice Statement – Maintaining Skin Integrity [Maintaining Skin Integrity – Wounds UK](#)

7. Anti-microbial agents' guidance/SHSCT policy on same

Response: Please see 'Antibiotic Guidelines attachment for response.

8. Accessing respite care policy

Response:



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