

Our ref: FOI 1468

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Information regarding the Provision of Bowel Care for adults has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

Response to FOI – SHSCT

Please see answers below

Q1. Does the Trust have a formal written policy for digital rectal examination, digital rectal stimulation and the digital removal of faeces in spinal cord injured and other patients with neurogenic bowel dysfunction?

No (in development)

Q2. Is your policy based on the policy template that the Spinal Injuries Association circulated to your Trust in August 2018?

Yes

Q3. If admitted to the Trust, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Digital removal of faeces?

Yes

Q4. If admitted to the Trust, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Digital rectal stimulation?

No

Q5. If admitted to the Trust, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Trans anal irrigation?

No

Q6. Do you have ward-based staff skilled in supporting patients with neurogenic bowel care interventions, including the digital removal of faeces?

Yes

Q7. Are staff available seven days a week to undertake these bowel care interventions?

Yes

Q8. Does the Trust have a policy that allows for the personal care assistants/carers of spinal cord injured patients to assist with the bowel care element of the patient's care?

This requirement will be integrated into Trust policy



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Q9. Does the Trust have an appropriate clinical lead in place (such as a Continence Manager) to manage the overall delivery of bowel care interventions to patients?

No

Q10. What are the contact details for this clinical lead (i.e. name, job title, telephone number and email address)?

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