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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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### **1) How many Adult Safeguarding stage 5 meetings did your Trust hold in 2022?**

In order to provide this information a significant manual trawl of records from a number of sources is required. Therefore this request cannot be processed. This is because the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information from a number of departments it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

### **2) How is the vulnerable adult and or relative involved in the stage 5?**

Stage 5 refers to the monitoring and reviewing of the adult protection plan. The adult protection process is not linear and for this reason the risk assessment and protection plan are routinely reviewed throughout the adult protection process through discussion with the adult and/or their relative where appropriate. The frequency will vary in each case depending on the risk and management of same and this will be agreed and shared with the adult following the initial risk assessment and protection planning discussion.

The protection plan is reviewed at the initial strategy discussion and all additional strategy discussions. Within Southern Trust the adult or their relative, where appropriate, are invited to attend strategy discussions / case conferences and encouraged to actively contribute to the protection planning.

### **3) At what stage of adult safeguarding or process (after referral made) does Vulnerable Adult and or relatives receive a copy of the Protection Plan.**

The risk assessment and protection plan are completed with the adult and relevant others at the earliest opportunity by the Investigating Officer. This is discussed with the DAPO, shared at the initial strategy discussion to consider any amendments necessary and then a written copy is shared with the adult as per their wishes.

#### **4) Does the DAPO share a completed APP8 with RQIA?**

If not, why not?

It would not be routine practice to distribute the APP8 form. This is used as a checklist to support the DAPO to ensure all areas discussed at case conference or case discussion are actioned prior to closure or transfer. Within Southern Trust the summary of the investigation outcomes would be discussed during the case conference. RQIA are routinely invited to attend strategy and case conferences where a regulated service is involved and would be provided with minutes of all meetings. RQIA would also have a copy of the investigation report where it has been deemed necessary. In this regard RQIA have written details of the outcomes summarised on the APP1.

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