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Response Due: 21st November 2023

Date: 2nd January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 24th October 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- **Does the trust currently have a Bronchiectasis pathway? If no, why? Is there a plan to implement one? And how so? Will it be based on the NICE and British Thoracic Society Guidelines?**

Unfortunately, at this time the Trust do not have a defined pathway but are collectively working on developing one based on British Thoracic Society and NICE guidelines.

- **If yes, please provide when the current Bronchiectasis pathway was implemented. Are they based on the NICE and British Thoracic Guidelines? Is physiotherapy a key part in your trusts acute Bronchiectasis management? Since implementation, are more patients being referred to physiotherapy? Has there been an improvement in patient outcomes/management of bronchiectasis? Pre and post implementation, what are the referral statistics to physiotherapists?**

N/A

- **Patient's being admitted into hospital with acute exacerbation of bronchiectasis, are they being referred to physiotherapists on admission? Average waiting time for referral to physiotherapists? How do you refer to a physiotherapist? Paper, digital or verbal communication? If there is a referral form to physiotherapy, what does this consist of? Is there a criteria for a patient (admitted with acute exacerbation of bronchiectasis) that they need to meet for a referral to physiotherapy? If so, what are the criteria?**

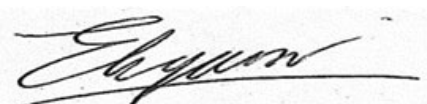
The Trust currently do not have this service in place.

- **What have been the goals of the trust since the implementation of the Bronchiectasis pathway? And has there been improvement? Are the goals being achieved?**

N/A

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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