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Date Received: 6th November 2024

Response Due: 4th December 2024

Date: 4th December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 6th November 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1. In your organisation, are there guidelines for the clinical management of adults with either rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest wall trauma?**
Yes.
- 2. Which clinical team(s) are patients with isolated rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest wall trauma admitted under?**
Acute Physicians or General Surgeons, according to the criteria in the guidelines.
- 3. Can you please attach a copy of your most recent guidelines for the clinical management of adults with rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest wall trauma.**
Please see attached.
- 4. Where more than one team has produced guidelines please provide copies of all the relevant guidelines.**
N/A.
- 5. In your organisation, is there a dedicated service/ team providing chest wall nerve blocks for rib fracture patients?**
Yes, the pain team and anaesthetists.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Stenton', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Stenton
Interim Director of Operations & Performance

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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