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Date Received: 18th October 2024

Response Due: 15th November 2024

Date: 31st October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 18th October 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I would be grateful if you could please provide me your responses to the following two queries relating to management of Paediatrics patients at your respective trusts.

1. Does your Paediatric department manage young people aged 16 years to 17 years and 364 days for acute medical, surgical or mental health issues ? (Please note this does not include CYP already under your care for on-going treatment of related condition/s).

Yes.

2. If yes, would you be able to share your SOP for this cohort of patients (aged between 16 years and 17 years 364 days only) ?

There is no agreed SOP as the deviations from the 16-year rule are all built on an individual basis. We accept that some patients have extensive ongoing care with the paediatric team and as such they are still cared for after 16 during their transition to adult care. We also accept that some patients over the age of 16 are appropriately cared for in children's services rather than adult ones because of their vulnerability or other characteristics. And the Department take a pragmatic agreement for the minority of cases.

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 'Sanjay Arya', written over a horizontal line.

Sanjay Arya
Medical Director

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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
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