



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-119

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Date: 17th June 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 31st May 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding guidelines.

The Trust considers some of your request (b, c, d, and e) to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as to release this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust. The Trust has applied the public interest test to this request and feels that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

On 7th June 2019 you emailed us with additional questions to your request.

We replied the same day via email advising you that the timeline for a response would be adjusted accordingly.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Please could you kindly forward me the following polices also?

- A. Intensive care/critical care clinical guidelines preceding those that are being updated (for adult patients). (as per response ref 099-1920)**
- B. Overcorrection of Hyponatraemia.**
- C. Maintenance fluid therapy guidelines**
- D. Treatment of Hypokalaemia.**
- E. Administration of hypertonic saline 2.7%**
- F. Treatment for Central Pontine Myelinolysis**

A1 Please see below:

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B. Overcorrection of Hyponatraemia.	Section 43 exemption as detailed above
C. Maintenance fluid therapy guidelines	Section 43 exemption as detailed above
D. Treatment of Hypokalaemia.	Section 43 exemption as detailed above
E. Administration of hypertonic saline 2.7%	Section 43 exemption as detailed above
F. Treatment for Central Pontine Myelinolysis	Information is not held as there are no clinical guidelines under Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (BCGP) remit which covers this condition
<p>In `addition` to these can I also request the following please:</p> <p>The Intensive Care / Critical Care clinical guidelines that were in place from 5th December 2018 to 12th December 2018 inclusive please and the Intensive /Critical Care clinical guidelines that are currently in place whilst `the current guidelines are being updated` please</p>	<p>Please see attached document, please note: that this is the Intensive Care/Critical care guidelines at UHNM in place prior to those that are being updated (for adult patients). These will also be the guidelines in place from 5th December 2018 till 12th December 2018.</p> <p>Please also note that these guidelines covered Hyponatremia and Sodium disorders in a specific subgroup of patients with "acute severe traumatic head injury." For management of Hyponatremia for the rest of the medical patients the Trust medical guidelines will still be followed.</p> <p>This will be the case for current management of patients as well whilst critical care guidelines are updated.</p> <p>For conditions other than Hyponatremia in critical care we would follow national and international guidelines for specific conditions. (Intensive care society UK, European society of intensive care, NICE etc.)</p>

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

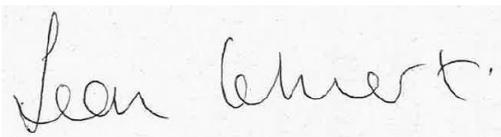
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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