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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

1. Do your Physician Associates perform any clinical procedures not listed in the General Medical Council's Physician Associate Registration Assessment (PARA) content map (pages 21 and 22 - "Core Procedures")? If yes, please list these additional procedures and provide any relevant governance documents (e.g. policies, procedures, SOP documents). If these documents are extensive, summaries or key excerpts will suffice.
2. Is your organisation aware of any safety incidents involving Physician Associates performing clinical procedures? If yes, please provide details.
3. Do your Physician Associates and their consultant supervisors adhere to the guidelines outlined in the "Safe Scope of Practice for Medical Associate Professionals (MAPs)" document published by the British Medical Association? If not, please provide a summary of the activities performed by Physician Associates in your organisation that fall outside these guidelines.

Response

<p>Q1. Do you Physician Associates perform any clinical procedures not listed in the General Medical Council's Physician Associate Registration Assessment (PARA) content map (pages 21 and 22 – "Core Procedures"). If yes, please list these additional procedures and provide any relevant governance documents (e.g., policies, procedures, SOP documents). If these documents are extensive, summarise or key excerpts will suffice.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p>
<p>Q2. Is your organisation aware of any safety incidents involving Physician Associates performing clinical procedures? If yes, please provide details.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved and cause distress to families and friends. The requested information in relation to Physician Associates is less than 5, therefore Section</p>

	<p>40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act has been applied.</p>
<p>Q3. Do your Physician Associates and their consultant supervisors adhere to the guidelines outlined in the “Safe Scope of Practice for Medical Associate Professionals (MAPs)” document published by the British Medical Association? If not, please provide a summary of the activities performed by Physician Associates in your organisation that fall outside these guidelines.</p>	<p>The guidelines have been considered when reviewing the scope of practice.</p>

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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