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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014325 - Collaborations with immigration enforcement

I would like to request, under the freedom of information act, as much of the following as is possible to provide within the cost (£450) and time (18 hours) limits imposed by the act (if you wish to allocate more resources to fulfilling this request you should feel free to do so).

This request refers to a time period of the second quarter of 2018, or the months April, May and June of 2018.

Please work downward through the following requests until the limits are reached:

1. Documents describing procedures for collaboration with immigration specifically including policy concerning to but not limited to the following: enforcement (Not held see 1a),

a) Responses to requests for patient information by immigration enforcement. If this is covered by general policy concerning information shared with law enforcement, please provide this in addition.

General Policy of the Trust regarding patient information disclosure as attached – Management of health records & Disclosure of information to police. As stated in the attachments, requests for patient information from Immigration & Enforcement and even the Home Office would be referred to Line Manager then Information Governance Manager and the Trust's Caldicott Guardian for authority to provide information.

b) Information routinely shared with immigration enforcement (as differentiated from information shared with the home office in general for the purposes of charging for secondary care). For example, this might include a policy of reporting suspicious patients or patients who do not have uk citizenship or indefinite leave to remain. If this is covered by general policy concerning information shared with law enforcement, please provide this in addition.

This Trust does not routinely share information with immigration enforcement in respect of the examples stated, only contact is with the Home Office to confirm a patients immigration status.

c) Policy surrounding the presence of immigration enforcement officers on hospital grounds. If this is covered by general policy covering the presence of law enforcement officers, please provide this in addition.

In addition to the General Policy of the Trust, agreement to allow the presence of immigration enforcement officer on hospital grounds would have to receive the agreement of the Caldicott Guardian. Consideration would then be made as to patients health and if interview is appropriate.

1. The number of incidences of patient information being shared with immigration enforcement, and the number that occurred within the time period specified above. - Nil incidents

a. The number of these incidents in which the patient was in primary care - Nil

b. The number of incidents where this information resulted in an arrest. - Nil

c. The number of incidents where this information resulted in a deportation - Nil

d. The number of incidents where this information resulted in proceedings to deport, but where the deportation has not been completed. (or, if numbers of deportations are not known, total numbers of proceedings initiated) - Nil

e. The number of known incidents involving the presence of immigration enforcement officers on hospital grounds for the purposes of immigration enforcement (so excluding, for example, officers receiving medical treatment). - Nil

3. Any and all written communication with immigration enforcement, and any notes, transcripts, minutes or summaries of meetings or conversations with immigration enforcement offices, redacted as appropriate. - Not applicable as per response above