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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.

The request relates to home enteral tube feeding, which is a way of providing nutrition to people who can't eat and drink normally. Dietitians within your organisation will likely be best placed to help with this information request.

1. Does your organisation provide care to individuals aged 0-25 who may use home enteral feeding tubes? **Yes/No**
1. How many patients has your organisation provided dietetic care for home enteral tube feeding between 01-01-2023-31-12-2024? - **Information is not recorded electronically so we are unable to run a report for the information requested**

Divided into the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+ (age when they joined the caseload or age on 01-01-23 if they were on the caseload throughout this period). – **See response above**

1. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.) – **N/A**
1. Of these, how many individuals use a blended diet*? – **N/A**
1. Divided in the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+ - **N/A**
1. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.) – **N/A**
1. Does your organisation have the following:
 1. Local blended diet policy – Acute setting (**Yes/No**)
 1. Local blended diet policy – Community setting (**Yes/No**) **see attached policy for adults. Paediatric guideline under review so not attached.**
 1. Blended diet guideline (Yes/No) – **as per instructions in attached policy**
 1. Blended diet standard operating guideline or procedure (Yes/No)
 1. Blended diet training package (**Yes/No**)
 1. If yes to 4a-4e, please provide a copy.
1. Are any staff employed by your organisation in roles funded by income provided by an enteral feeding provider (e.g. Nutricia, Abbott)? - **No**
1. If yes, please state number of posts (whole time equivalent) and Agenda for Change banding. **N/A**

*A blended diet is the use of everyday foods blended to a puree and given via an enteral feeding tube. This may be used exclusively or in combination with commercial formula.

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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