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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.

Following the publication of the Leng Review in July 2025, please provide the following information in relation to Physician Associates (PAs) working within the Trust's Emergency Department.

If the Trust does not employ PAs or does not operate an Emergency Department, please confirm this by return email.

1. Have any changes been made to the scope of practice of Physician Associates working in the Emergency Department since July 2025? - **Yes**

If yes, please describe the nature of these changes. - **Change in line with Leng**

If yes, please indicate the date(s) on which any such changes were implemented. – **July 25**

Have any PAs, working in the Emergency Department, been re-deployed since July 2025? - **No**

If yes, what percentage? – **N/A**

Have any PAs, working in the Emergency Department, left the trust since July 2025? - **No**

If yes, has the role been re-filled by another PA hire? - **N/A**

Please provide copies of any updated policies, guidelines, or standard operating procedures relating to the scope of practice of PAs in the Emergency Department. – **Please see attached and please note that some links will only open when using Trust devices.**

For a copy of the document please email dgft.foi@nhs.net

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

Yours sincerely

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