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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 1261 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Covid and visiting policy

Your request is set out below:

- 1) Did your Trust alter or update its visitor policy in response to Covid-19, yes or no?

Yes

- a) If yes, what changes were introduced?

During the COVID-19 pandemic KMPT Section 17 leave, and family friends and carers visits were restricted.

- b) If yes, are any of those policies still in place?

No

- i) If yes, which of those policies are still in place?

N/A

- 2) Does the Trust currently have any visitation policies that:

- a) Would prevent a patient from receiving a visitor?

- i) If yes, in what wards or circumstances does this apply?

Restrictive Practice policy states "The following restrictive practices are more commonly seen within mental health services and each is defined for clarity." 6.5.11 Contact with family and friends - Preventing or limiting contact with the individual's peer groups, friends or family. For example, not

allowing the person to receive visitors, make phone calls or allowing them contact with specific friends or family member.

Current Acute inpatient Policy states “Anyone under the age of 18 years old is not permitted on the inpatient wards due to health and safety reasons, therefore, visits should be arranged with the ward in advance to ensure that the family facilities are available”

ii) If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?

Current Acute inpatient Policy was first ratified in 2015 with regards to under 18’s - Restrictive Practice Policy version 1 finalised 15/03/2022

b) Set a restriction on the number of different people able to visit a patient during their stay

No

i) If yes, in what wards or circumstances would the number of different people visiting a patient be restricted?

N/A

ii) If yes, how many different people do these restrictions permit as visitors?

N/A

iii) If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?

N/A

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department