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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please can I request (under the FOIA 2000):

Please provide me with copies of the following:

1. Policies (communicated in policy documentation, guidance, internal staff communications and similar) which relate to prioritisation of patients to receive your organisation's resources during the first 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, I am seeking documentation you hold which sets out criteria or factors to be taken into account when selecting patients for:
 - a. Admission to hospital for non-elective treatment;
 - b. Escalation of inpatients to Critical Care or Intensive Care (ICU/ITU) wards; and/or

We followed the GPICS guidance which is available nationally

- c. Provision of respiratory support using positive airway pressure devices (CPAP/BIPAP) or ventilation.
2. Please include the policies issued by your organisation and any policies issued by third parties (such as Government bodies or medical professional organisations) in force within your organisation.

Guidance and National requirements (from such as Government Bodies and Medical Professional Organisations) were provided to the Trust by NHSE/I via a central Covid-19 mailbox. All information was saved and shared with relevant Trust personnel for consideration and implementation as appropriate. Trust policies developed, amended or updated in line with the Guidance and National requirements has been shared with you per requirement 1 (above).



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Please only supply policies which were issued or updated between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2021 (inclusive)

If you require further information or clarification of this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above email address.

If you are unable to comply with this request, please provide advice pursuant to s.16 FOI 2000 on how this request should be amended to enable you to provide the information sought.

Thank you for your assistance.