

Our Ref: 205/2023
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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

- Do A&E and mental health specialist staff follow the SHARE guidance regarding CONSENT, CONFIDENTIALITY & INFORMATION SHARING IN MENTAL HEALTHCARE & SUICIDE PREVENTION?

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1013010/zero-suicide-alliance-share.pdf

If not, what guidance or protocol do you follow regarding vulnerable patients?

- If so, do you provide training on this guidance? Is this training mandatory?

- In the last year, or six months should this exceed the cost limit, how many times was this protocol enacted? Essentially, I would like to know how many times did your NHS trust shares information about somebody being at risk of suicide with another agency, including police, councils, social workers.

Please could the response to this request be sent in an Excel Spreadsheet, within 20 days as stipulated by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We don't use SHARE,

We use the capacity act, and have annual updates on this for vulnerable people and safeguarding training for adults and children, training annually .These are mandatory.

We use clinical record keeping for confidentiality, and sharing of information, this is also mandatory training. The question about NHS trust sharing information with other parties, I don't have any information about the number of patients we do this for.

We liaise regularly with police, ambulance staff, social services when discussing risk.