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Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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Please could you provide copies of any current documents used by the respiratory physiotherapy department to support on-call provision, including:

1. On-call respiratory physiotherapy guidance, policies, or standard operating procedures

   On-call Sop

   On-call Compensatory rest policy – Please see attached

2. Referral criteria or escalation guidance for on-call respiratory physiotherapy

- The referral Criteria sits in On-call SOP page 2

  - Criteria for referral
  - Patients with an acute respiratory problem, which they are unable to manage themselves and who would deteriorate without formal physiotherapy intervention.
  - Intervention may also be sought regarding:
  - Direction for therapy for patients requiring NIV (DRI only)
  - Respiratory care of the patient with a tracheostomy
  - Respiratory care of the ventilated patient
  - Paediatric Respiratory Referrals - There is currently no Out of Hours Paediatric Physiotherapy Service. Deteriorating paediatric patients should be transferred to Sheffield Children's Hospital. Demand for out of normal working hours paediatric physiotherapy advice is monitored by the Specialist cardio-respiratory physiotherapy team and feedback given to the Head of Children's Physiotherapy accordingly.

3. Decision-making flow charts, algorithms or pathway documents used to guide on-call assessment, prioritisation, or intervention

   We deliver a telephone support service – provided by the senior specialist respiratory team – to offer advice regarding complex/ prioritisation and intervention/ or escalation guidance

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We provide an On call Teams Channel – which includes multiple resources to support on-call staff

Regular updated complex case studies- which are then used in on-call training scenarios

On call - handover guidance sheet

On call electronic handover

NIV escalation algorithm

NIV CAP document – 'on the hive'

Band 5 Competencies

DBTH – Physiotheory – on call topics- shared on social media

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