

## ***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 04 January 2023.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

**Q1. Does the Trust have a formal written policy for digital rectal examination, digital rectal stimulation and the digital removal of faeces in spinal cord injured and other patients with neurogenic bowel dysfunction?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

N/A

**Q2. Is your policy based on the policy template that the Spinal Injuries Association circulated to your Trust in August 2018?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

**(c) No bowel assessment and management policy in place**

N/A

**Q3. If admitted to the Trust, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Digital removal of faeces?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

N/A

**Q4. If admitted to the Trust, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Digital rectal stimulation?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

N/A

**Q5. If admitted to the Trust, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Trans anal irrigation?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

N/A

**Q6. Do you have ward-based staff skilled in supporting patients with neurogenic bowel care interventions, including the digital removal of faeces?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

N/A

**Q7. Are staff available seven days a week to undertake these bowel care interventions?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

N/A

**Q8. Does the Trust have a policy that allows for the personal care assistants/carers of spinal cord injured patients to assist with the bowel care element of the patient's care?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

N/A

**Q9. Does the Trust have an appropriate clinical leader in place (such as a Continence Manager) to manage the overall delivery of bowel care interventions to patients?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

N/A

**Q10. What are the contact details for this clinical leader (i.e. name, job title, telephone number and email address)?**

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
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