

FOI REF: 23/326

12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

### Self-administration of medication policies

1. Does your hospital have a self-administration of medication policy? Y/N if yes:

Yes.

a) Does it enable all people with Parkinson's admitted to the hospital to be assessed to administer their own medication should they wish to do so?

Yes but Parkinson's patients not differentiated.

b) Does your hospital have the necessary resources (e.g. lockable cupboards, staff training) to enact the self-administration of medication policy?

Partially.

c) How many inpatient wards/departments is the self-administration of medication policy operational in out of the total number of inpatient wards/departments?

Variable depending on patient parameters.

### Training

2. Do you require inpatient hospital ward clinical staff who prescribe or administer medicine to complete training on medication management in Parkinson's? Y/N If yes:

No.

Cont.../

a) **Is this training mandatory for staff who prescribe or administer medicine?**

Not applicable.

b) **Please specify the name of this training and course provider?**

Not applicable.

c) **What percentage of staff who prescribe or administer medicine have completed this training?**

Not applicable.

d) **Which types of clinician are required to complete this training?**

Not applicable.

e) **How often do you require staff who prescribe or administer medicine to repeat this training?**

Not applicable.

3. **Do you require inpatient hospital ward clinical staff to complete training on time critical or time sensitive medications (including Parkinson's medication)? Y/N, if yes:**

No.

a) **Is this training mandatory for staff who prescribe or administer medicine?**

Not applicable.

b) **Please specify the name of this training and course provider?**

Not applicable.

c) **What percentage of staff who prescribe or administer medicine have completed this training?**

Not applicable.

d) **Which types of clinician are required to complete this training?**

Not applicable.

e) **How often do you require staff who prescribe or administer medicine to repeat this training?**

Not applicable.

## E-prescribing

4. Does your hospital have e-prescribing? Y/N

Yes.

a) Does it have the functionality to record when medication was administered in 30 minute intervals over a 24 hour period?

Yes.

b) Does it have the functionality to alert hospital ward staff when a patient's medication is due to be administered?

Yes.

c) Does it have the functionality to alert hospital ward staff when a patient's medication is late in being administered?

Yes.

d) Does your hospital have an electronic alert system to identify patients requiring time critical medication? If yes, please list the health conditions included as requiring time critical medication?

No.

e) Does your hospital use an e-prescribing system to regularly run reports of delayed medication doses and 'drugs not available' for Parkinson's medication?

No.

## Other

5. Are Parkinson's medications available to clinical staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week? (e.g. this medication is stocked in an emergency medicines cabinet)

Yes.

6. Do you have a system in place to ensure people with Parkinson's get their medication on time while waiting to be seen in the Accident and Emergency department?

Trust wide policy for critical and time dependant medications.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cont.../

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Linda Thornhill (Mrs)  
Corporate Governance Manager  
[esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)