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## 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:

### **Could I please double check that there isn't an Emergency Department or analgesia / pain guideline for isolated rib fractures or blunt chest wall trauma?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not have a guideline specifically for the Emergency Department or analgesia / pain for isolated rib fractures or blunt chest wall trauma. However, work is currently ongoing to generate a Trust guideline on the management of this, which encompasses care delivered by the Emergency Department team, General Surgical team, Anaesthetic team, as well as including the Frailty team where relevant.

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

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Yours sincerely

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