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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

**Please find below a freedom of information request relating to clinical guidelines for the treatment of interstitial lung diseases (ILD).**

**This request is in follow up to a previous related request submitted in April 2023 and has been prompted by recent developments in the treatments of these conditions.**

- 1. Has East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust published or updated any local treatment guidelines, pathways or protocols for the treatment of the interstitial lung diseases (ILD), idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) and progressive pulmonary fibrosis (PPF) since April 2023?**

No, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust uses the British Thoracic Society (BTS) guidelines and discuss patients at an ILD Multidisciplinary (MDT) held with Guys Hospital once every two weeks

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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