

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning Gender Specific Intimate Care.

The Trust can provide the following information:

Please can you supply me with the following information and policy documents or direct me to the appropriate link on your website:

(1) Policy on Intimate Care and Chaperoning; Policy on close and arms length observation of patients; Policy on physical examination of patients; Policy on restraint.

The Trust does not have a specific policy on chaperoning

(2) Please detail what in the Trust's opinion constitutes intimate care. Please comment if any of the following is considered to be intimate care:

Dressing of wounds;

Taking routine observation requiring physical touch (e.g. blood pressure monitoring, ECG monitoring); Administration of medication via injection or suppository; Close or arms length observation of patient attending to personal hygiene, showering, using the toilet, getting dressed/undressed

The Trust does not have a definition for intimate care

(3) With regard to restraint teams only:

How many teams are based on site?

Does the Trust use security guards as restrainers?

How many of trained restrainers are male and how many female?

The Trust does not have restraint teams

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk, in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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