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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2514

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding no resus orders.

The Trust can provide the following information:

How many No Resus Orders were issued by your hospital in last 5 years?

We don't have a 'no resus' order. We do have a Do Not Attempt Resuscitation form. The only way to find out how many had been issued in the last 5 years would be to manually review the notes of hundreds of thousands of patients which is not possible. Since last July we have had an electronic treatment escalation / do not attempt resuscitation form but again we don't have data on how many are not for resuscitation as many of these forms are used to identify patients who are for resuscitation as well as those who are not for resuscitation.

How many of these patients survived and were thus discharged from your hospital in the same above period?

We cannot count this, but a large number; 'DNAR' form completion does not imply the patient is not for active care so very many will leave hospital. It is good practice to ascertain a patient's preferences in case the situation of cardiac arrest arises.

Have you a pro forma No Resus Order checklist which you use to see whether patients should be given No Resus Order, please send me a copy?

There is no such checklist. We are currently revising our resuscitation and treatment escalation policy.

What percentage of your SpR or Specialist Registrars are on the General Medical Council's Specialist Register?

The GMC Specialist Register is a register of doctors who are eligible for appointment as substantive, fixed term or honorary consultants. Specialty trainees are working towards being on this register (but are not on it as they are still in training). Occasionally a doctor will continue in post once qualified to apply for Consultant positions, but we do not specifically record this.

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Yours sincerely

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