Thank you for your request asking for a copy of our operational policy for self-harm and suicide.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

There isn’t one specific policy relating to supporting service users who are considering self-harm or suicidal, however please see the following two attachments which are relevant to your request:

- The Trust’s ‘Delivery of Care Policy’ describes the Trust’s process of care to each service user, it includes assessing the service user’s risk of self-harm and suicide. Any identified risks are then developed into a Care Plan for recovery.

- The Trust’s ‘Clinical Risk Assessment Policy’ requires a risk assessment to be undertaken on all service users whether in an inpatient or community setting, this risk assessment will identify situations and circumstances known to present increased risks including any increased likelihood of self-harm or suicide. Preventative plans are then put in place to reduce this risk.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust’s complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click here.