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Our Ref: FOI/03617

Thank you for your request concerning policies over change of GP.

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

QUESTIONS

- 1) Please confirm the policy of the trust where a patient on a waiting list for treatment/assessment changes GP surgery to an out of area practice that does not ordinarily refer to Herts Partnership?
- 2) Please confirm the policy of the trust where a patient on a waiting list for treatment/assessment changes home address to a location outside of the usual geographical area covered by Herts Partnership?
- 3) If a patient who has moved out of the area, or changed to an out of area GP, continues to receive treatment with Herts Partnership, please confirm which authority funds the ongoing treatment/assessment?
- 4) Please confirm the policy of the trust where an existing patient (inpatient or outpatient) changes GP surgery to an out of area practice, or moves home address outside of the usual geographical area covered by Herts Partnership, during an ongoing course of treatment/assessment?

ANSWER

We do not have a standalone policy but I have attached extracts from our Adult Community Mental Health Services Operational Policy v3.1 and our Bed Management Policy v4 which give information regarding District of Residence and Out of Area Presentation.

I also attached the NHS England guidance – Who Pays.

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

Sue Smith

Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer

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](#).

