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Thank you for your request concerning Risk Management - Board Papers.

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

QUESTIONS

Please find below my request for information. I understand the relevant legislation is Access to Deceased Records, Access to Health Records and/or Freedom of Information Act and would be grateful if you could forward to the relevant person in your organisation.

1. HPFT Board papers of 27th September 2017 which includes a Learning from Deaths paper states:

“Reviews of deaths to date have identified the need to clarify the management of the detained patient on an end of life care pathway. Guidance has been issued to teams regarding the management of this.”

1.1. How many patients were identified in this review which raised the need to clarify the management of a detained patient on an end of life pathway?

1.2. Was [REDACTED] who passed away on [REDACTED] at Watford General Hospital having been detained under the MHA 1983, one of those patients?

1.3. Please provide a copy of the review paperwork.

1.4. Please provide a copy of the guidance issued to teams regarding the management of this.

1.5. Please provide details of which teams the guidance was issued to.

2. HPFT Board papers of 29th November 2018, which includes an Incidents Including Serious Incidents paper, states that in Q2 of 2018/19 one serious incident was reported with a STEIS category of Mental Health Act Paperwork.

2.1. Does this serious incident relate to [REDACTED]?

2.2. Please provide a copy of the Serious Incident reporting paperwork.

3. HPFT Board papers of 5th December 2019 which includes an Incidents Including Serious Incidents Paper states:

“The learning themes included responding to previous and underestimating risks appropriately, strengthening practice relating to delayed transfer of care, fluid and food intake, lithium blood testing and the need to review the risks and benefits of an anti-psychotic medication in the presence of dysphagia not of expected practice. In addition to this, delays in action being taken following a relapse in mental state were identified and likely delirium in the community not being immediately identified were highlighted.”

3.1. How many patients had themes related to “responding to previous and underestimating risks appropriately” and was [REDACTED] one of these patients?

- 3.2. How many patients had themes related to “strengthening practice relating to delayed transfer of care” and was [REDACTED] one of these patients?
- 3.3. How many patients had themes related to “fluid and food intake” and was [REDACTED] one of these patients?
- 3.4. How many patients had themes related to “lithium blood testing and the need to review” and was [REDACTED] one of these patients?
- 3.5. How many patients had themes related to “benefits of an anti-psychotic medication in the presence of dysphagia not of expected practice” and was [REDACTED] one of these patients?
- 3.6. How many patients had themes related to “delays in action being taken following a relapse in mental state” and was [REDACTED] one of these patients?
- 3.7. How many patients had themes related to “delays in action being taken following a relapse in mental state likely delirium in the community not being immediately identified” and was [REDACTED] one of these patients?

RESPONSE

Your request has been considered and found to be vexatious. Persistent requests from you requesting information regarding your mother causes a disproportionate and/or unjustified level of disruption, irritation or distress.

In the past year you have submitted 7 requests some initially through the Freedom of Information Act then transferred to the Access to Health Records and some through the Subject Access legislation; to which we have responded to in full.

We are aware that you have been advised that you can submit a Freedom of Information request regarding your deceased mother’s information. We have explained why we do not feel this is appropriate and out of respect to your mother we have applied S41 - Held in Confidence. Please refer to FOI 3483. Information was then provided under Access to Health Records; please refer to ADR/0037. Further information has been provided under ADR/0053, ADR/0055 and where possible through FOI/03762 and FOI/03804.

We have provided you with all the information we hold including all the serious incident reports and now consider this and any future requests regarding your mother to be unreasonable. Section 14(1) of the FOI Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.

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](#).

