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Thank you for your request concerning S17 Ground Leave Policy And Guidelines.

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

1. **HPFT current policy on s17 leave under the MHA**
2. **HPFT current policy regarding s17 MHA ground leave, both escorted and accompanied (if not covered in the general s17 policy).**
3. **HPFT risk assessment guidelines regarding s17 ground leave, both escorted and accompanied.**
4. **HPFT policy and guidelines on what is and is not permitted for inpatients on a PICU pathway, in particular any reference to the granting of s17 leave.**

Please see attached our Section 17 Leave of Absence Policy MHA v7.4(1)

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*

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**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](#).

