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Thank you for your request concerning women in secure services and advocacy.

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

**I am undertaking research on Women in secure services and advocacy, could I please request the following information.**

- 1. Is advocacy provided in-house or via external providers**
- 2. Who are the advocacy providers the trust uses**

Currently we do not provide female forensic inpatient services. However, under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we can inform you that we use Pohwer Advocacy Services for our male service users in our secure services.

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](#).

