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Thank you for your request concerning Online Child Sexual Abuse (OCSA).

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

1. **When sexual abuse is disclosed (at any point in assessment/treatment) is there a local policy or a standard way in which this should be recorded (e.g., description within case notes)?**
 - a. **Do these policies refer to sexual abuse that occurs online (e.g., social media, internet contact made, sharing images)?**

Please see attached our Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures V5.2. This policy defines sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation, including online abuse.

2. **List all assessment tools that make references to a patient's online life (i.e., assessment mentioning young people engaging with social media, frequency of use of the internet)**
 - a. **Indicate if assessment tools ask about:**
 - i. **Online child sexual exploitation (colloquially referred to as 'online grooming') Y/N**
 - ii. **Youth-produced sexual image**
 1. **Sextortion Y/N**
 2. **Non-consensual sexual images Y/N**
 - iii. **Live streaming Y/N**
 - iv. **Abuse through production, dissemination, or possession of child sexual abuse material (videos or images) Y/N**

Please see the answer to question 3.

3. **What support and interventions do you offer to a service user who has experienced technology-assisted sexual abuse?**
 - a. **Is the support or intervention offered specific to technology-facilitated sexual abuse?**

If sexual abuse is disclosed it is documented within the Choice or Partnership assessment. A separate assessment tool is not used. The support and intervention offered to victims of abuse is determined on the clinical presentation and individual care plan based on the person's needs.

4. **Is training provided to staff on online harms and the impact of technology-assisted sexual abuse young people?**
a. **If yes, what does the training cover?**

Mandatory safeguarding children training is offered to staff as outlined in the Intercollegiate Document (2019) [Safeguarding Children and Young People: Roles and Competencies for Healthcare Staff | Royal College of Nursing \(rcn.org.uk\)](#). Staff have the opportunity to attend in-house training and training provided by external organisations on a range of safeguarding topics, including assessment and identification of all types of child abuse including sexual abuse, child sexual exploitation and online abuse.

5. **Any further comments.**

The right of access created by the Freedom of Information Act only applies to recorded information. This does not include requests asking for a person's wishes, opinions or general advice.

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](#).

