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Thank you for your request concerning Confidentiality & Information Sharing.

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

- 1. Do A&E (if applicable) and mental health specialist staff follow the SHARE guidance regarding CONSENT, CONFIDENTIALITY & INFORMATION SHARING IN MENTAL HEALTHCARE & SUICIDE PREVENTION?**
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1013010/zero-suicide-alliance-share.pdf

No

- 2. If not, what guidance or protocol do you follow regarding vulnerable patients?**

We base our assessment of suicide risks (on any other risks) on clinical assessment based on bio-psycho-social model and based on risk assessment training (which is mandatory and completed every 3 years). Based on the risk assessment we would be sharing information based on various Trust guidance on Information sharing as below. Information Governance training is mandatory once a year for all staff.

1. Sharing of Service User Information guidance
2. Protection and use of Service user Information policy
3. Guidance on information sharing in safeguarding/ domestic abuse situations
4. Information Governance training

- 3. If so, do you provide training on this guidance? Is this training mandatory?**

In addition to the above this is covered in our suicide prevention training (which is not mandatory). Also this is covered in our carer confidentiality training.

4. **In the last year, or six months should this exceed the cost limit, how many times was this protocol enacted? Essentially, I would like to know how many times your NHS trust shared information about somebody being at risk of suicide with another NHS Trust, GPs and agencies, including police, councils, social workers.**

This information is not recorded in reportable manner¹. This information would be recorded in our electronic patient record (EPR) as a clinical note and these notes cannot be interrogated in the database.

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](#).



¹ Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit