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Request for Information

Dear Mr Smart,

I am writing regarding your request for information which we received via email on 25/02/2019. In that request you asked for information in relation to bowel management patient safety alert.

We are pleased to provide the following information in response to your specific questions.

As a request under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following information about the recent NHS Improvement (NHSI) Patient Safety Alert "Resources to support safer bowel care for patients at risk of autonomic dysreflexia 25 July 2018", Alert reference number: NHS/PSA/RE/2018/005

Q1. Does the Trust have a formal written policy for digital rectal examination, digital rectal stimulation and the digital removal of faeces in spinal cord injured and other patients with neurogenic bowel dysfunction?

Yes

Q2. Following recommendation of this patient safety alert, did the Trust "review your local clinical policy and guidance relating to bowel assessment and management"?

Yes - revised an existing policy

Q3. Is your policy based on the policy template that the Spinal Injuries Association circulated to your trust in August 2018?

Yes

Q4. If admitted to the Trust will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Digital removal faeces?

Yes

Q5. If admitted to the Trust will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention –Digital rectal stimulation?

Yes

Q6. If admitted to the Trust will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention –Trans anal irrigation?

No

Q7. Are staff available seven days a week to undertake these bowel care interventions?

Yes

Q8. Has the Trust “reviewed your local education and training provision for interventional bowel management” as recommended in the Patient Safety Alert?

Yes training is provided by Advanced Nurse Practitioner T&O spinal team

Q9. As requested by the Patient Safety Alert, has the trust developed “an action plan to ensure patients have adequate and timely access to staff who are trained appropriately to carry out these procedures, including in the evening and at weekends”?

Yes

Q10. Has the Trust “shared your reviewed local guidance, advice on how to identify staff who can provide Digital Removal of Faeces, and the key messages in this alert with medical, nursing and other relevant clinical staff”?

Yes

Q11. Does the Trust have a policy that allows for the personal care assistants/carers of spinal cord injured patients to assist with this element of the patient's care?

Yes

Q12. As recommended in the Patient Safety Alert, have you identified “an appropriate clinical leader to co-ordinate implementation of this alert”?

Yes

(please answer Q13, but ignore Q14)

Q13. What are the contact details for the “appropriate clinical leader”(ie name, position, telephone and email)?

Ms J Wilkinson Advanced Nurse Practitioner T&O spinal team. Ms Wilkinson is happy to share her personal email address, but please note that any individuals identified do not give permission for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing. Appropriate remedies will be sought in respect of any unsolicited marketing information supplied.

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Q14. Why has your Trust not appointed an “appropriate clinical leader”?

Not applicable

Q15. Are your newly registered nurses able to demonstrate the nursing procedures as required in Annexe B, section 6.5 of the Nursing and Midwifery Council’s document ‘Future Nurse: Standards of Proficiency for Registered Nurses’?

Yes

If you have any queries about our response, please let me know by writing to the above address.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Sillitoe
Freedom of Information and Information Governance Support Officer