

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Ref: DPT 20/21/255**

**Date: 25/02/2021**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act.

### **QUESTIONS**

Can you confirm if the Devon Partnership NHS Trust follows the Health Service Guidelines HSG(94)5 which requires all Health Authorities to ensure through their contracts for mental health services that providers draw up, maintain, and use supervision registers?

Can you confirm if the Devon Partnership NHS Trust acknowledges that for the purpose of the Health Service Guidelines HSG(94)5, 'mental illness' includes people diagnosed with a personality disorder (psychopathic disorder)?

Can you confirm if the Devon Partnership NHS Trust understands that Devon Partnership NHS Trust has a legal duty to treat psychopathic disorder/psychopathy in the community as per the Health Service Guidelines HSG(94)5?

### **RESPONSES**

Under Section 14(1) this request is refused. Devon Partnership NHS Trust is not obliged to comply with a Freedom of Information Request whereby we reasonably believe the request to be Vexatious, inappropriate or an improper use of formal procedure.

Devon Partnership NHS Trust believe this request to now be closed and would add the following regarding our use of section 14(1)

As per part 7.7 of the Freedom of Information Act Code of Practice, the trust has consider other request made by yourself to Devon partnership NHS trust. We have received several overlapping Freedom of Information request since the 14/12/2020 on a similar topic and contained language of a hostile nature and has been constituted as harassing particular staff as part of a campaign against the organisations. An example of previous language used:

“As the the Hare PCL:SV was not valid for use in the UK in 2003, let alone that no consent was sought, do you mind now addressing the matter of this perfidious incompetence and abuse of dignity, autonomy, liberty and well-being, Melanie Walker MBE needs to start to address the matter as abuse has taken place and there is evidence of incompetence.”

### **APPEALS PROCEDURE**

Any appeal against this decision should be made in writing to:

Chief Information Officer,  
Devon Partnership NHS Trust,  
Prentice Building,  
Langdon Hospital,  
Dawlish,  
EX7 0NR.

The decision will be reviewed and a response provided within 20 working days. If you remain unsatisfied by the decision a complaint may be made in writing to the Complaints/Litigation Administrator at the above address for the matter to be dealt with in accordance with the Trust complaints policy.

Alternatively, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Tel: 0303 123 1113. For further information please refer to [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

We are monitoring how people making Freedom of Information requests are experiencing the process and would value your feedback in order to improve the service as necessary. If you wish to provide feedback please respond via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BC6QXBM>