



Freedom of Information 2019/290

Q1	At which general hospital(s) does your Trust provide liaison psychiatry services?
A1	The Older Peoples Mental Health service provides a psychiatric Liaison service to: Cavendish Community Hospital – Buxton Whitworth Community Hospital – Darley Dale St Oswald's Community Hospital – Ashbourne Babington Community Hospital – Belper Ripley Community Hospital – Ripley Ilkeston community Hospital – Ilkeston
Q2	For each of the above hospitals, please answer the questions below: Is there a written policy about prioritising patients who have been referred to liaison psychiatry, or determining which referrals to accept? (If No, please move to Question 6).
A2	No – all referrals are accepted and reviewed
Q3	If so, is this policy made available to all (psychiatry and non-psychiatry) clinicians working within the general hospital? If so, please specify where (e.g. Trust intranet)?
A3	N/A
Q4	Please attach the policy document if possible. We aim to extract only certain information from the policy document, so if the complete policy document cannot be sent, please send the following information: a. Details on which locations this policy covers and which patients (i.e. inpatient ward/A&E/referrals) the policy covers. b. Details on any guidelines to prioritise or determine which referrals to accept. Specifically: i. Patients should be medically fit for discharge prior to review ii. Patients should be medically fit for assessment prior to review iii. No restriction applied; all patients are reviewed iv. Any other methods used to prioritise patient referrals (please specify) c. Whether the policy states which professional group (e.g. psychiatrist, psychologist, and nurse) should review the referral and/or assess the patient? If so, please specify. d. When was the policy last reviewed or updated?
A4	N/A
Q5	When (if at all) was local practice last audited against this policy and what were the findings?
A5	N/A



Q6	At your Trust, how do doctors refer patients to liaison psychiatry for review (e.g. by telephone, by electronic referral system, by email, by fax)?
A6	The service accepts telephone, face to face and e-mail referrals from any member of the multi-disciplinary team.