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Dear Geoff Lovell

**Freedom of information request**

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

What sedation is used for the following procedures?

What is the maximum dosage recommended?

Is sedation always offered for these procedures:

- CBG - Capillary blood gas test. is a heel or finger prick blood test. For neonates, oral sucrose used as an analgesic have a dose based on weight.

Sucrose 24% solution in single-use containers (oral Sucrose)

Infant under 1000g - up to 0.5ml

Infants 1001 to 2000g - up to 1ml

Infants 2001g and over - up to 2ml

- ABG – Arterial blood gas sample being taken, then no sedation, only local anaesthetic to the skin if it is not a life threatening emergency.
- MRI scan – Sedation is not routinely offered to adults. If it is needed for medical reasons or for claustrophobia, then on a case by case basis a decision is made and ideally a general anaesthetic is performed by the anaesthetic team.
- Colonoscopy – Done under sedation, Midazolam – up to a maximum of 5mg in incremental doses.

- Endoscopy – Usually done without sedation and only lidocaine throat spray. Occasionally endoscopy is under sedation for selected patients for other reasons, then Midazolam (up to 5mg) is used for sedation
- ERCP - Done with sedation by anaesthetist, using propofol and alfentanil infusion.

I hope this information is helpful, but if you are unhappy with our response, or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an independent internal review. This would be undertaken by an appropriate senior member of staff at the Trust, who were not involved in dealing with your original request. We aim to deal with internal reviews within 20 working days following receipt. If you wish to request one, please set out your grounds for asking for the review in writing and send it by post or email:

By post: Please address your letter to “Freedom of Information – Information Access Appeal” and send it to our address as shown on this letter.

By Email: Emails should be clearly marked ‘Information access appeal’ and sent to: [sash.foi@nhs.net](mailto:sash.foi@nhs.net).

Should you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you would have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO). However, I should point out that under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, you are obliged to exhaust the Trust’s own internal review process before appealing to the ICO. The ICO’s contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
<http://ico.org.uk>

We would also welcome your feedback on how well we met your expectations in handling your FOIA request. If you have a couple of minutes, please click on this [link](#) to complete our Freedom of Information Customer Satisfaction Survey and let us know about your experience. The survey is anonymous – unless you choose to provide your reference number.

Please contact me, quoting our reference, if you have any queries concerning this letter and I will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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