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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

I would like to ask the following questions under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

1) Does the Trust employ physician associates? Yes

2) If the Trust employs physician associates, please answer the following questions:

- a) Does your Trust use an electronic prescribing system or paper based drug charts?** Normally EP, medicine charts as back-up in case of failure.
- b) Are physician associates allowed to propose medications on the electronic system, to be approved by a prescriber?** Not currently
- c) Are physician associates allowed to transcribe patient medications onto drug charts or electronic prescribing systems, for authorisation by a prescriber?** Not currently
- d) Are physician associates allowed to write or sign discharge letters?** Not currently

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on

01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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