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Date: 27th April 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I am writing to you today to make a freedom of information (FOI) request (under the Freedom of Information Act 2000) to request the following information (see bullet points) to aid a new research project.

Could you please reply to this email attaching a copy of your hospital's full local guidelines on the following topics?

1. Current local guidelines for the treatment and management of Covid 19.

Please see the attached document.

2. Current local infection control guidelines regarding testing and quarantining/isolation of Covid positive patients.

Local infection control guidelines are informed and follow National Guidance. The National guidance is frequently revised, updated and new guidance published with respect to COVID-19.

Please see examples below within the links and attached document of the very recently published, updated, and revised guidance.

Document attached: NHS England (NHSE)/ NHS Improvement (NHSI) C1621. Living with COVID-19 – Testing update. Published 30.3.2022. This refers to patient testing and includes patients on admission to healthcare settings and in-patients in healthcare settings

[UKHSA Guidance: Infection prevention and control for seasonal respiratory infections in health and care settings \(including SARS-CoV-2\) for winter 2021 to 2022.](#) Last updated 15 March 2022

[UKHSA Guidance: Managing healthcare staff with symptoms of a respiratory infection or a positive COVID-19 test result](#). Last updated 4 April 2022

On receipt of new guidance, the documents are reviewed, and discussed collaboratively within the organisation.

The Trust also has a suite of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Policies that are in line with the current National guidance, that are subject to review when National guidance changes, is revised or updated. These are implemented in response to the testing and quarantining/ isolation of COVID-19 positive patients.

The SOPs and Policies include standard Infection prevention and control precautions, and management of outbreaks of infectious diseases.

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,



Sanjay Arya
Medical Director

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