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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Fast Track Pathway Continuing Healthcare.

### *Question 1*

*How do you ensure that the doctors and nurses you employ are aware of the Fast Track Pathway Continuing Healthcare eligibility criteria and of how to process an application?*

### *Question 2*

*How do you ensure that you comply with paragraph 107 of the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care (see below)?*

### **Question 1**

Medical and nursing staff are supported in the completion of fast track documentation by members of the Integrated Discharge team (IDT). Suitable patients are identified at board rounds and the members of the IDT support completion and then submit via a dedicated portal. This would include ensuring medical statements are completed

### **Question 2**

Discussions occur with the patient and their families (if appropriate) when the fast track documentation is completed. These discussions will include any expressed wishes relating to preferred place of death, any wishes included in an advanced care plan and anything else that the patient feels is important. Wherever possible we will try to support a patients wish to go home, and work with our CHC team to identify suitable care agencies and equipment needed to provide support. Within Kent there is a good working relationship with our local CHC team and they will work actively to achieve the patient's wishes, if a nursing home is required we seek to find one that is acceptable to families for location, In Kent this may mean outside of the immediate locality or even out of county if that is what is requested.