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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 Violence prevention initiatives.

You asked:

1. In your Emergency Departments are adults and/or children attending with assault-related injuries or attending as victims of violence identified for interventions that go beyond their immediate health needs?

If yes, we would be grateful to receive information detailing:

2. The remit of this violence-specific work. Specifically, which types of patients are identified (e.g. domestic assault, sexual assault, alcohol-related assault, etc.) and whether identification is specific to a group of patients (e.g. women, children).

3. Approximately how many staff are involved with any specific violence-related initiatives.

4. Approximately when the service(s) started (year and month).

5. Whether the staff involved with the service(s) in the Emergency Department are NHS employees, employees of other organisations.

6. In the case that patients are referred to service(s) outside of the NHS, which services they are typically referred to.

7. In the case that patients are referred to service(s) inside the NHS, which services/specialities they are typically referred to.

In your response, it would be appreciated if you could highlight which hospital is being referred to when advising of whether such an initiative is in operation in the A&E department.

If the Trust covers more than one hospital, please note we are looking to audit all initiatives in all hospital A&E departments.

Trust response:

1. Yes – may be referred to Children Social Services, Adult Social Services and/or signposted to local Domestic Abuse services
2. Not specific; any identified victim will be offered support
3. 3 safeguarding nurses. The Safeguarding Children team will provide advice to staff about Domestic Abuse services and may also discuss with victim
4. Safeguarding children processes for many years
5. Yes NHS
6. Police, social services, drugs and alcohol teams and refuges. May also include local Domestic Abuse services. 'One Stop Shops', IDVA, MARAC,
7. None

These answers cover both Tunbridge Wells Hospital and Maidstone Hospital A&E departments.