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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 guidelines on managing and treating drug dependent patients in an acute setting.

You asked:

- 1. Please could you confirm whether in January 2020 you had any local guidance in place, which specifically considered, in an acute setting:*
 - a. the management of withdrawal from illicit drugs*
 - and/or*
 - b. the continuation of community substitution prescriptions for drug dependence (such as opioid substitution therapy)*
 - and/or*
 - c. the initiation of such a prescription*
- 2. Please could you share this guidance with us (**as it was in January 2020**) under the terms of the FOI Act, or otherwise point us to where it could be found in the public domain.*

Trust response:

Within the WKIPMS (Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and Kent Community Health Foundation Trust) we adhere to the national guidelines as laid out in the FPM Opioid Aware guidance.