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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 Policies relating to resource prioritisation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*You asked:*

- 1. Policies (communicated in policy documentation, guidance, internal staff communications and similar) which relate to prioritisation of patients to receive your organisation's resources during the first 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, I am seeking documentation you hold which sets out criteria or factors to be taken into account when selecting patients for:
  - a. Admission to hospital for non-elective treatment;*
  - b. Escalation of inpatients to Critical Care or Intensive Care (ICU/ITU) wards; and/or*
  - c. Provision of respiratory support using positive airway pressure devices (CPAP/BIPAP) or ventilation.**
- 2. Please include the policies issued by your organisation and any policies issued by third parties (such as Government bodies or medical professional organisations) in force within your organisation.*
- 3. Please only supply policies which were issued or updated between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2021 (inclusive)*

Trust response:

The Trust holds information relating to the operation of the Trust during the first 18-months of the Covid-19 pandemic within daily logs. In order to respond to your request we would require a staff member to manually read every log to see if the requested information was held. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section

12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

We have however attached and linked Government released documents from the requested timeframe.



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