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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 Parkinson's.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

### Self-administration of medication policies

1. *Does your hospital have a self-administration of medication policy? Y/N if yes:*

- a) Does it enable all people with Parkinson's admitted to the hospital to be assessed to administer their own medication should they wish to do so?*
- b) Does your hospital have the necessary resources (e.g. lockable cupboards, staff training) to enact the self-administration of medication policy?*
- c) How many inpatient wards/departments is the self-administration of medication policy operational in out of the total number of inpatient wards/departments?*

### Training

2. *Do you require inpatient hospital ward clinical staff who prescribe or administer medicine to complete training on medication management in Parkinson's? Y/N If yes:*

- a) Is this training mandatory for staff who prescribe or administer medicine?*
- b) Please specify the name of this training and course provider?*
- c) What percentage of staff who prescribe or administer medicine have completed this training?*
- d) Which types of clinician are required to complete this training?*
- e) How often do you require staff who prescribe or administer medicine to repeat this training?*

3. *Do you require inpatient hospital ward clinical staff to complete training on time critical or time sensitive medications (including Parkinson's medication)?*

*Y/N, if yes:*

- a) Is this training mandatory for staff who prescribe or administer medicine?*
- b) Please specify the name of this training and course provider?*

- c) *What percentage of staff who prescribe or administer medicine have completed this training?*
- d) *Which types of clinician are required to complete this training?*
- e) *How often do you require staff who prescribe or administer medicine to repeat this training?*

*E-prescribing*

- 4. *Does your hospital have e-prescribing? Y/N*
  - a) *Does it have the functionality to record when medication was administered in 30-minute intervals over a 24-hour period?*
  - b) *Does it have the functionality to alert hospital ward staff when a patient's medication is due to be administered?*
  - c) *Does it have the functionality to alert hospital ward staff when a patient's medication is late in being administered?*
  - d) *Does your hospital have an electronic alert system to identify patients requiring time critical medication? If yes, please list the health conditions included as requiring time critical medication?*
  - e) *Does your hospital use an e-prescribing system to regularly run reports of delayed medication doses and 'drugs not available' for Parkinson's medication?*

*Other*

- 5. *Are Parkinson's medications available to clinical staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week? (e.g. this medication is stocked in an emergency medicines cabinet)*
- 6. *Do you have a system in place to ensure people with Parkinson's get their medication on time while waiting to be seen in the Accident and Emergency department?*

Trust response:

- 1. Yes
  - a. Yes
  - b. Yes, we have digilock boxes that can contain patients Parkinson's medication to self administer
  - c. The process can be on any ward as long as the patient has been risk assessed to be able to take their medication safely
- 2. No
- 3. Yes
  - a. Yes
  - b. Professional Standards Team
  - c. 93%
  - d. Registered Nurses, Midwives, Advanced Clinical Practitioners
  - e. Once only, update available by self-assessment provided by Practice Development Nurses
- 4. Yes
  - a. Yes
  - b. Yes
  - c. Yes
  - d. Yes – Please see the attached list for critical drugs. There are also 'flags' on our EPMA system to alert staff when these medicines are prescribed.
  - e. Not currently.
- 5. Yes – emergency drug cupboard and the on-call pharmacist.

6. No