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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 Physician Associate Scope of Practice.

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

1. Do your Physician Associates (PAs) perform any clinical procedures not listed in the General Medical Council's Physician Associate Registration Assessment (PARA) content map (pages 21 and 22 - "Core Procedures")? If yes, please list these additional procedures and provide any relevant governance documents (e.g. policies, procedures, SOP documents). If these documents are extensive, summaries or key excerpts will suffice.

2. Is your organisation aware of any safety incidents involving Physician Associates performing clinical procedures? If yes, please provide details.

3. Do your Physician Associates and their consultant supervisors adhere to the guidelines outlined in the "Safe Scope of Practice for Medical Associate Professionals (MAPs)" document published by the British Medical Association? If not, please provide a summary of the activities performed by Physician Associates in your organisation that fall outside these guidelines.

Trust response:

1. No. The PAs all work within their scope of practice and are fully supervised.
2. No
3. The PAs all work within their scope of practice and are fully supervised. The GMC and our local guidelines take precedence here over and above any BMA guidelines.