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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 24 July 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to delirium assessment in clinical care and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Delirium assessment in routine clinical practice:

This request is intended to collect information on delirium assessment processes in clinical care, not including ICU settings. The information requested is detailed in the questions listed below the line.

Please only include information updated before 31 July 2020.

Hospital/ Trust/ Health Board (hospital/organisation to which the information below applies):

1. Do you have/ use a delirium assessment tool as part of clinical practice for your non-ICU patients in your Trust/ hospital? YES/ NO?

Yes.

2. If yes, in which clinical settings are they in place (please use X to indicate all that apply)?

X Acute general medicine/Medicine of the Elderly

X Emergency Department

X Surgical wards

Other (please specify)

3. Which, if any, validated tools are included in your written (paper or electronic) policies? Please use X to indicate all that apply?

- X 4 'A's Test (4AT)
- X Confusion Assessment Method
- X Single Question in Delirium
- Other (please specify):

4. Do you have a pathway or guidelines relating to delirium? YES/ NO

Yes.

If yes, in which year were they written?

The documents were written in 2013.

Please attach an electronic copy.

Please see the attached copy.

**5. (Voluntary: not a formal part of the FOI request)
Have staff or students performed any audits or quality improvement projects on delirium detection? If so, please attach an electronic copy of reports or posters.**

The Trust participated in the national dementia spot light audit for delirium 2018. Please find national report here <https://www.hqip.org.uk/resource/national-audit-of-dementia-report-2017-2018/>

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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