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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4251**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 10th February 2020.

Your request was as follows:

I would like to obtain information related to the management of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) and in-hospital cardiac arrest (IHCA) and the approach to targeted temperature management (TTM) in patients admitted to The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust following sudden cardiac arrest

Can you please describe what guidelines are currently used in NHS Acute Trust Name for the management of OHCA and IHCA? Please attach a copy of Trust's protocols for the management of OHCA.

[N/A - We do not have an A&E department at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\).](#)

Has The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust incorporated the European Resuscitation Council Guidelines for Resuscitation 2015 into Trust's post cardiac arrest care protocols?

[The WCFT follow the Algorithm published by the Resuscitation Council UK 2015- Post Resuscitation Care.](#)

Can you please confirm if TTM is incorporated as part of the OHCA management in The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust? If yes, can you please confirm:

what is the target temperature?

[N/A.](#)

what method or equipment is currently used to ensure that the target temperature is achieved and maintained?

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which staff members are currently responsible for delivering TTM as part of OHCA management?

[If cooling is required this would be initiated by Anaesthetists or ACCP's.](#)

What proportion of OHCA that arrive at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust that receive TTM

[N/A. Hyperacute rehab accepts patients who may have suffered an OHCA weeks or months after event. For Intracerebral Bleeds who may arrive hours after OHCA the priority is management of the bleed +/- TTM.](#)

Can you confirm whether TTM is part of the OHCA training curriculum for the members of the resuscitation and

advanced life support team and critical care team at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust? Please include any relevant training materials and checklist currently in use.

N/A.

Please provide data on outcomes for patients who had suffered OHCA and have been treated in The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust. Can you please tell us the number of patients who suffered OHCA and were admitted to The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust for the period from 2014 to 2019 (please include yearly breakdown where available) that:

have resulted in a poor outcome, such as severe neurological disability, persistent vegetative state or death (CPC scores 3, 4, or 5);

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information to identify patients admitted with OHCA. We use the same code for patients admitted for OHCA and hospital cardiac arrest, therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

have been discharged with a good neurological outcome (CPC 1 or 2).

N/A.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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