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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4399

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 24th July 2020.

Your request was as follows:

1. Do you have use a delirium assessment tool as part of clinical practice for your non-ICU patients in your trust/hospital?

Here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) this is used in a Neuropsychiatry clinical assessment in coming to a diagnosis of delirium. (We can set this as part of the action plan and a tool similar to the one used in the ITU to be incorporated on the wards.) WCFT Psychology departments could also potentially use the 4AT delirium in addition to clinical observation/interview incorporating basic attentional tasks (such as months of the year backwards) but would consult with Medics/Psychiatry.

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

Acute general medicine/Medicine of the Elderly

Emergency Department

Surgical wards

Other (please specify):

Here at WCFT this is used in Trauma, Neurology, Neurosurgical and Neuro-rehabilitation wards.

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

4 'A's Test (4AT)

Confusion Assessment Method

Single Question in Delirium

Other (please specify):

Here at WCFT ICD 10 criteria are included in our policies.

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

If yes, in which year were they written?:

Please attach an electronic copy.

Here at WCFT we use NICE and Maudsley prescribers guidelines. We have also attached our guidelines which were written in 2018.

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.

No.

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

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Yours sincerely

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