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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4708

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 26th April 2021.

Your request was as follows:

Guidelines on managing and treating drug dependent patients in an acute setting.

1. Please could you confirm whether in January 2020 you had any other local guidance in place, which specifically considered, in an acute setting:

• the management of withdrawal from illicit drugs

and/or

• the continuation of community substitution prescriptions for drug dependence (such as opioid substitution therapy)

and/or

• the initiation of such a prescription

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust Medicines Policy covers these issues, please find attached the version that was in place in Jan 2020.](#)

2. Please could you share this guidance with us (as it was in January 2020) under the terms of the FOI Act, or otherwise point us to where it could be found in the public domain.

[As above.](#)

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

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Yours sincerely

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