Freedom of Information Team

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust

Dear Freedom of Information Team

**Freedom of Information Act Request – Policies relating to resource prioritisation during the COVID-19 pandemic**

I write to request the following information. This request is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Please provide me with copies of the following:

1. Policies (communicated in policy documentation, guidance, internal staff communications and similar) which relate to prioritisation of patients to receive your organisation’s resources during the first 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, I am seeking documentation you hold which sets out criteria or factors to be taken into account when selecting patients for:
   1. Admission to hospital for non-elective treatment; N/A - non elective admissions continued as per pre pandemic.
   2. Escalation of inpatients to Critical Care or Intensive Care (ICU/ITU) wards; and/or N/A - continued as per pre pandemic.
   3. Provision of respiratory support using positive airway pressure devices (CPAP/BIPAP) or ventilation. N/A - Continued as per pre pandemic.
2. Please include the policies issued by your organisation and any policies issued by third parties (such as Government bodies or medical professional organisations) in force within your organisation. N/A
3. Please only supply policies which were issued or updated between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2021 (inclusive) – N/A

If you require further information or clarification of this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above email address.

If you are unable to comply with this request, please provide advice pursuant to s.16 FOI 2000 on how this request should be amended to enable you to provide the information sought.

Thank you for your assistance.