

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I would like to make a Freedom Of Information Act request for the information you have about the process(es) for adult safeguarding, including how allegations of abuse should be investigated and the alleged perpetrator of abuse be engaged with during the investigation process, applicable to patients in the mental health wards at Basildon hospital. I have found the following to be available on the internet;

https://eput.nhs.uk/PublicationWF/PDF_Output/5090.pdf

However, I cannot ascertain whether this is the applicable process, or the up to date version of the process, for the period of April 2021 to now (09 August 2021) as it may have been superseded or changed. Also, the appendices referenced in the document are not available on the internet.

Response:-

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on their Publication Scheme website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

However in an effort to be helpful we can provide you with the link on where to locate the Policy you have requested:

[Link](#)

We can confirm that this is the latest version of the documents

Publication Scheme:

Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

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