

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Dear Essex Partnership University Foundation Trust,

I request that you provide the following information in compliance with your duties under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The purpose of the request

I seek the information detailed below in order to better understand the process by which disabled children and disabled young people living in your Board's area are able to obtain the Integrated Care Board funded continence pads and containment products that they need.

Statutory cost compliance limit note

If your Board considers that complying with this request in its entirety will exceed the statutory cost of compliance limit (specified in The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004) then I ask that you respond to the following requests in the order they appear until that limit is reached.

Requested Information

Please provide the details specified in (a) - (c) below concerning the provision of continence pads and containment products (including nappies and 'pull ups') for disabled children and disabled young people within your Board's area.

- a. The eligibility criteria that determine what type and what quantity of continence pads and containment products can be provided for disabled children and disabled young people.

[The Trust is currently in process of completing an internal review on the above documents however whilst these are not currently published they will be in the near future. The Trust is therefore applying exemption Section 22 of the Freedom of Information act, this exemptions is for information that is intended to be published in the future.](#)

- b. Please provide a copy (in printed or electronic form) of the guidance that your Board requires practitioners to have regard to when authorising the provision of continence pads and containment products for disabled children and disabled young people; and
[Please see attached document](#)

- c. The work title (or post or qualifications or other designation) that identifies the practitioners who can authorise the provision of continence pads and containment products for disabled children and disabled young people.

[The nurses who are employed within the team authorise the containment products and in the wider community. The professionals receive training from the children's continence team on what products to order.](#)

I understand that under the Act I am entitled to a response within 20 working days of your receipt of this request.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all refusals by reference to specific exemptions specified by the Act.

Section 22: Information intended for future publication.

- (1) Information is exempt information if—
- (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),
 - (b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and
 - (c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which falls within subsection (1).

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