

## Freedom of Information Request

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**Information Requested:**

I require a copy of the NHS Trust's section 17 leave policy as it related to patients on the assessment unit at Basildon MHU at the relevant time between 11 February and 1 October 2022.

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**Response**

Please see attached:

1. MHA1 - Administration of the Mental Health Act 1983 Policy x3
2. MHAPG1 - Administration of the Mental Health Act 1983 Procedure x2

These are the policies and procedures that were applicable for this time period. Please note, both policies and procedures were reviewed and amended during this period hence the number of documents provided.

MHA policies and procedures are initially approved by the Trust Mental Health Act & Safeguarding sub-committee and subsequently ratified by the Quality Committee and Policy Oversight & Ratification Group.

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