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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0479

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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1. A copy of all communications (including emails and records of any meetings) between Wye Valley NHS Trust and Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group regarding the protocols and policies (including any SoPs) relating to the use of suctioning and in particular the use of Naso-Pharyngeal suctioning in the community.

Please find attached a copy of the suction standard operating procedure (SOP) and guidance for patient/family/carers. The Trust produced the SOP for guidance on yankeur suction in the community and the SOP includes guidance on indication and criteria, precautions and contraindications, ordering process, use of suction, cleaning and disposal of consumables.

The SOP was written for yankeur suction in the community – primarily because it was aimed at the skill set of our community staff. Community staff are largely unable to maintain the necessary competency level in naso-pharyngeal (NP) suction as they do not tend to perform it regularly enough whereas yankeur suction is less invasive and within the competency level of community staff.

2. A copy of Wye Valley NHS Trust's current policy or protocol and any other related documents regarding the use of Naso-Pharyngeal suctioning. In relation to the Trust's current policy, please confirm:
 - a. When this was approved;
 - b. Who by;
 - c. Whether there are any documents or records of information which relate to the decision to approve this policy or protocol.

Please see above.

3. The number of patients currently being cared for in the community who receive Naso-Pharyngeal suctioning.

NP suctioning is not performed in the community – please see above information.

If you have queries or any concerns contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Hereford
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Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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