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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0447**

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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**Apart from question 4 identifying those at risk of suicide using attendance or other data is very much an imperfect tool. It is not possible to answer questions 5 and 6 with current Trust systems and methodology.**

1. Which suicide risk assessments do you use at your trust?
2. What training do your staff undertake in using those suicide risk assessments?
3. What training do your staff have in assessing risk of suicide in general?
4. What is the procedure your staff follow when they identify a person at risk of suicide?  
**The Trust does not complete a standalone screening tool for suicide risk.**

**The Trust does complete a Manchester triage for all patients which includes presenting complaint of “overdose and poisoning” “Mental Illness” and “behaving strangely”, which then includes question like “High risk of harm to others” “High risk of harm to self” etc...**

**When someone triggers positive of a risk the Trust performs a mental health risk assessment which includes the following question. However the Trust has only been doing this since the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and the Trust has completed this on 547 occasions. The Trust also takes a description of the patient in the triage assessment.**

**Supervision.....**

Supervision — □ ×

- Continuous Supervision 1:1 Ratio
- Close Supervision - Location established every 15 min (eyeball)
- Routine observations

**Location.....**

Location — □ ×

- Pt must be located in high visible cubicle
- Pt with relative/friend so can be located in quiet room
- Sub wait area
- Waiting room

Glen Burley, Chief Executive

Russell Hardy, Chairman

## Staff informed.....

Staff Informed

- Informed nurse in charge of high risk patient
- Informed nurse in charge of medium risk patient
- Informed nurse in charge of low risk patient
- Informed medical staff of high risk patient
- Informed medical staff of medium risk patient
- Informed psychiatric team of high risk patient
- Informed psychiatric team of medium risk patient

## Action .....

Actions...

- Remove any potential dangerous objects/substance from location
- Ask patient if they have any potential dangerous object/substance
- Notify porters if high risk of violence/aggression
- Re-triage patient if increase in behavioural disturbance
- Establish patients past medical history
- Mental Health SDP 37 High Risk Followed
- Mental Health SDP 37A Low to Medium Risk Followed
- To notify police if patient absconds
- Ensure description of patient is completed on Symphony

5. How many people have been assessed for risk of suicide between 2012 and 2020, if possible by month and department
6. How many people were identified as at risk of suicide between 2012 and 2020, if possible by month and department

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Yours sincerely,

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