

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-104

9 March 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

1. Which suicide risk assessments do you use at your trust?
Beck Suicide Intent scale. The Trust also uses a specialist psycho-social assessment in line with NICE and Royal College of Psychiatry Guidance. We have attended accreditation with 'Psychiatric Liaison Network which requires 100% compliance with national guidance on all of our clinical practice.
2. What training do your staff undertake in using those suicide risk assessments?
Training is provided on joining the Team and each colleague receives regular clinical supervision regarding their practice. Many of the Team are lecturers at University of the West of England & University of Bristol teaching on this subject matter: this learning/training is shared with the Team. All clinical staff (medical and nursing) are on post-graduate training programmes and receive ongoing CPD.
3. What training do your staff have in assessing risk of suicide in general?
As above.
4. What is the procedure your staff follow when they identify a person at risk of suicide?
There is no set 'procedure'. All assessments are collaborative with each patient and are strengths base. Each patient will be sign-posted to onward care pathways ranging from GP/primary care to formal mental health act assessment and detention to a mental Health unit dependant on their assessed care needs and risk. Each patient receives an individualised assessment and subsequent plan of care.
5. How many people have been assessed for risk of suicide between 2012 and 2020, if possible by month and department?
The Trust is unable to specify the exact numbers as records before 2015 are not immediately available. Per month we complete approximately 250 assessments of patients: each will receive an assessment including a risk assessment.

6. How many people were identified as at risk of suicide between 2012 and 2020, if possible by month and department?

The Trust does not record this information in this manner.

Each patient receives a risk assessment and then is provided with a suitable onward care pathway.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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