

Date: **6 December 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5551**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information, which we have processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

**Your Request**

*I am writing to request information on what your guidelines are on managing and treating drug or opiate dependent patients in an acute setting. We would usually request this information under the Freedom of Information Act; however this information is already in the public domain, for example, NHS Worcestershire. Would we be able to obtain a copy of your most recent guidelines on this?*

**Our Response**

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. Please see attached copy of our "Nursing and Allied Health Guideline" covering Opiate and Benzodiazepine withdrawal syndrome management. This guideline is for Great Ormond Street Hospital patients and is updated regularly at Great Ormond Street Hospital and we therefore cannot take responsibility for anyone else using this guideline.

**Please note:**

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions or any issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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### **Your Rights**

Should you have any questions relating to the response you have received to your request for information, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the date of receiving our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team  
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LONDON  
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If, however, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review then you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner as the final stage of the FOI process. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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