

Date: **17 December 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5593**

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**

*What is the Trust's policy or guidance for employees regarding the use of lanyards in clinical areas to display identity badges?*

*Which of the following options best describes the Trust's policy?:*

*To discourage or ban those who work in clinical areas from wearing lanyards (e.g. in the interests of infection control) or...*

*To encourage or make it compulsory for workers in clinical areas to wear lanyards (e.g. to facilitate identification of staff members) or...*

*Neutral stance or there is no specific policy or guidance in place regarding the use of lanyards in clinical areas*

*If there is currently a specific policy or guidance on the use of lanyards in place at this Trust, when was it first implemented?*

### **Our Response**

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The Trust provides general guidance to all staff on the use of lanyards within our 'Uniform & Dress Code Policy'. Please see the following section extracted from the policy on the use of lanyards relating to infection control and safety:

*"6.6. For infection control and safety reasons lanyards must not be worn during direct patient care activity. Retractable belt clips can be obtained from the security desk and should be worn instead. Clinical staff who have direct patient contact should attach their ID badge to their pockets with a belt clip and wear a name badge for easily visible identification purposes. Any staff member not involved in direct patient care activity may continue to wear a lanyard"*

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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