

Date: **10 March 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5711**

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Your Request

Please provide a copy of the protocol currently in use for the administration of pulsed Methylprednisolone Therapy, that would be applicable to, and expected to be followed, when a child with a neuroinflammatory illness such as Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis is given this therapy.

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. We use the BNF guidelines that are National Institute for Healthcare and Care Excellence (NICE) approved medical guidelines used by Doctors; which are published on the NICE website.

Section 21 (information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is applicable regarding your request for information as Section 21(1) states that "Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information. You can therefore access the guidelines via the following NICE website link below:

<https://bnf.nice.org.uk/about/how-bnf-publications-are-constructed.html>

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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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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