

Our reference: /FOI D9330

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Dear Joe,

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## RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9330

Please find our Trust's response in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

*On 31 July 2019 I attended The Recovery Academy's course on Advocacy in Mental Health and the course presenter, Lynn Agnew suggested we requested a copy of the Trusts Policy on Advocacy in Mental Health.*

*I requested a copy of this and Claire Watson at The Curve said the Trust has no standalone Policy on Advocacy under The Mental Health Act because it is embedded in other clinical policies. She said that I should therefore do a FOI request for all the Trust's Policies which refer to Advocacy under The Mental Health Act and would be grateful if you can provide this.*

All detained patients are advised of their rights to access an Independent Mental Health Advocate (IMHA). They are advised of this as part of the patient's rights process under s.132 MHA and are given a leaflet from the relevant hospital. References to the rights to access IMHAs are contained in a number of policies also. GMMH advocacy services are provided by different providers across the Trust footprint who are of course independent.

The following policies contain references to advocacy that may be of interest:

- Care Programme Approach Policy
- Service User & Carer Engagement Policy
- Customer Care Policy
- Consent to Treatment Policy
- Section 17 (Leave of Absence) Policy
- Section 132 Patient Rights Policy
- MCA and DoLS Policy

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- MHA Hospital Managers Hearings Policy
- Being Open Policy

Copies of each of these policies are attached.

I hope the information provided above is to your satisfaction. If you are unhappy with the way, the Trust has handled your request you may request an internal review.

If you require an internal review please write to Sarah McDonald, Head of IM&T Service Delivery, at the address above, who will arrange a review of your case.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

The FOI Team  
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