Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I'm looking for the details of the clinical lead/board member for adult mental health. If you could send me these details I'd be extremely grateful. – Trust Secretary

At Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust Alexandra Green is the operational lead for Adult Mental Health (as Chief Operating Officer), Milind Karale is the Medical lead and Natalie Hammond is the Nursing lead. We don't have a "clinical" lead but each has their own area of responsibility, which would include adult mental health.

Also I'd like to see the policy regarding PEWS not allowing continuation of therapy from nhs to private service and don't know where to look. Please could you direct me to this policy? – POLICY Team

'PEWS' no longer operates or exists as it did, and the county wide service is now named 'Essex Perinatal Mental Health Services' since 2017 and is delivered by Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, and its predecessor 'PEWS' was delivered by South Essex Partnership Trust.

The Trust has a Perinatal Mental Health Services Policy however whilst this is not currently published it will be in the near future. The Trust is therefore applying exemption Section 22 of the Freedom of Information act, this exemptions is for information that is intended to be published in the future.

Section 22 (provides an exemption for information that is intended to be published in the future.)

(1) Information is exempt information if-

- (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),
- (b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and
- (c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).

(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which falls within subsection (1).

- (a) For the exemption in section 22 to apply, the public authority must, at the time of the request, hold the information and intend that it or 'any other person' will publish it in future. This means that it must have a settled expectation that the information will be published at some future date
- (b) In this exemption 'any other person' means an individual or a body corporate; a public authority or a private organisation.

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