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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 220421.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

1. What criteria is used to record the answer to the MOBILITY section of the patient record?

The patients mobility needs are assessed as part of the overall assessment to establish if they can walk or need to be carried/taken to the ambulance.

2. Is the information provided to the service?

We do not receive information on a patients mobility history routinely. Where care plans or information available via the Summary Care Record is available, this may be taken into account.

3. Or is the information recorded as a result of the attending clinician's assessment?

See response #1

4. In respect of the FALLS RISK ASSESSMENT part of the patient record, what criteria is used to record the answer to this section of the patient record?

This is documented based on the findings related to each part of the falls assessment.

5. Is the information provided to the service?

We do not receive information on a patients mobility history routinely. Where care plans or information available via the Summary Care Record is available, this may be taken into account.

6. Or is the information recorded as a result of the attending clinician's assessment?

See response #1

7. What is the purpose of the Falls Risk Assessment?

To establish the patients risk factors and to guide onwards care or referrals.

8. Also what is the distinction between an INTRINSIC FALL, and an EXTRINSIC FALL, and who makes that assessment, and upon what basis?

This is an established definition used when considering falls and replaces the previous term “mechanical or non-mechanical”. Extrinsic causes include tripping over loose rugs, slipping on a wet floor etc. Intrinsic relates to the patients own factors such as strength, balance, acute illness etc

9. Also what does BM stand for?

In medicine, this can mean either bowel movement or, Boehringer Mannheim which is the company that originally produced blood glucose measurement devices. Shortened to BM, this was commonly used for blood glucose and is often used interchangeably. We will be updating this to BG in future updates to our record.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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