

Ref. No: 1157
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Subject: Policies relating to transgender patient

REQUEST

Any policy relating to the care or treatment of transgender patients whilst inpatient including bed/ward allocation,

Any policy relating to the care or treatment of transgender patients whilst outpatient,

Any policy relating to the updating of patient records for transgender patients when they change name and/or sex marker,

Any policy relating to the issuance of a new hospital number for transgender patients when they update their listed sex via the process set out by PCSE,

Any policy relating to the updating and redaction of patient records for transgender patients when they are issued a new NHS Number by PCSE,

Any policy regarding post NHS number/name-change clinical notes and communications regarding transgender patients, such as guidance as to when it is clinically appropriate to mention that a patient is transgender, including any policy statements relating to staff awareness of section 22 of the gender recognition act 2004.

Also, can you confirm if the trust has any plans to update any of the above policies in the near future?

RESPONSE

1. Any policy relating to the care or treatment of transgender patients whilst inpatient including bed/ward allocation.

- Caring for Transgender Patients Policy
- Provision of Same-Sex Accommodation Policy
- Equality and Human Rights Policy

2. **Any policy relating to the care or treatment of transgender patients whilst outpatient.**
 - Caring for Transgender Patients Policy
 - Equality and Human Rights Policy

3. **Any policy relating to the updating of patient records for transgender patients when they change name and/or sex marker.**

The change is done via the GP not the Trust

4. **Any policy relating to the issuance of a new hospital number for transgender patients when they update their listed sex via the process set out by PCSE.**

In the process of being rewritten to go to relevant committee later this year

5. **Any policy relating to the updating and redaction of patient records for transgender patients when they are issued a new NHS number by PCSE.**

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6. **Any policy regarding post NHS number/name-change clinical notes and communications regarding transgender patients, such as guidance as to when it is clinically appropriate to mention that a patient is transgender, including any policy statements relating to staff awareness of section 22 of the gender recognition act 2004.**

Currently we are not able to record a patients transgender status as it is not mandatory for Trusts to do so, therefore the provider of our EPR has not made changes to our system to allow us to do so. We have a working group looking into the clinical/patient safety issues of not knowing if a patient is trans which we hope will allow us to address the issues of patient safety and ensure that we can record a persons trans status in a confidential field that can only be accessed by the clinical staff involved in the patients care in order to protect the privacy of a patient who has a GRC or who have applied for one.

7. **Can you confirm if the trust has any plan to update any of the above policies in the near future?**

Our policies are reviewed every 3 years or sooner if there are any changes in practice or in legislation or guidance.

We are currently writing a clinical care of transgender patients, which will be more clinical than the one attached as that mainly relates to nursing care on a ward, and doing a complete rewrite of the management of health records which will contain a section on the management of transgender health records.

When the working group has resolved the issue with our EPR and having a secure field to record this information we will then produce a policy/guidance to support the outcome of this work

Please see attached.