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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-A-058**

You asked:

As a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd be grateful if you could provide the following information about the provision of bowel care for adults.

Q1. Does the Board have a formal written policy for digital rectal examination, digital rectal stimulation and the digital removal of faeces in spinal cord injured and other patients with neurogenic bowel dysfunction?

The Health Board does not have its own formal written policy. We follow the policy in line with Spinal Injury Centre guidance in Cardiff / Multidisciplinary Association of Spinal Cord Injured Professionals (MASCIP) guidelines.

Q2. Is your policy based on the policy template that the Spinal Injuries Association circulated to your Board in August 2018?

Yes – it is based on similar principles

Q3. If admitted to the Board, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Digital removal of faeces?

Yes - only in acute admissions to Ward A (Spinal Trauma Ward).

Q4. If admitted to the Board, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Digital rectal stimulation?

Yes - only in acute admissions to Ward A (Spinal Trauma Ward).

Q5. If admitted to the Board, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Trans anal



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irrigation?

No

Q6. Do you have ward-based staff skilled in supporting patients with neurogenic bowel care interventions, including the digital removal of faeces?

Yes - only in acute admissions to Ward A (Spinal Trauma Ward).

Q7. Are staff available seven days a week to undertake these bowel care interventions?

Yes - only in acute admissions to Ward A (Spinal Trauma Ward).

Q8. Does the Board have a policy that allows for the personal care assistants/carers of spinal cord injured patients to assist with the bowel care element of the patient's care?

No

Q9. Does the Board have an appropriate clinical lead in place (such as a Continence Manager) to manage the overall delivery of bowel care interventions to patients?

Yes

Q10. What are the contact details for this clinical lead (i.e. name, job title, telephone number and email address)?

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