

RE: Freedom of Information Request 201718 / 014 – Patient-Specific Policies

Your Query	Date of Request	April 2017
<p>Self-administration of medicines policies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does your Board have a self-administration of medicines policy for competent patients? Yes/ No <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, please provide a copy of this policy If yes, please outline whether this policy applies to all hospital sites and all wards, or specify the sites or wards to which it applies If no, are you planning to introduce this policy in 2017/18? Yes/ No If you have a policy please provide details of the use of the self-administration of medicines policy? This includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How are your staff informed about this policy? How is the implementation of this policy monitored across the hospitals in your Board? If you do not have a self-administration of medicines policy, why is this? [Please let us know of any barriers to introducing a policy in your Board]. <p>Carers visiting hours</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do you currently have a policy which allows carers to visit the person they care for outside of visiting hours? Yes/ No <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, please provide a copy of this policy If yes, please outline whether this policy applies to all hospital sites and all wards, or specify the sites or wards to which it applies If no, are you planning to introduce a policy in 2017/18? Yes/ No If no, please outline any work that your Board is undertaking with a view to enabling carers to visit the person they care for outside visiting hours? If you have a policy, please provide details of the use of the policy to allow carers to visit outside of traditional visiting hours? This includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How are your staff informed about this policy? How is the implementation of this policy monitored across the hospitals in your Board? If you do not have a policy which allows carers to visit the person they care for outside of visiting hours, why is this? [Please let us know of any barriers to introducing a policy in your Board]. 		
<p>Response</p> <p>Self-administration of medicines policies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> N/A N/A Yes, its introduction is planned. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> N/A N/A NHS Orkney is actively looking at the introduction of a policy at this time. Scoping work is being undertaken which will inform the policy. 		

Carers visiting hours

4. No.
 - a. N/A
 - b. N/A
 - c. If no, are you planning to introduce a policy in 2017/18? **No.**
 - d. We do not currently have a visiting policy at this time as it previously has not been required. This may be reviewed as we move towards our new hospital site.
5. N/A
 - a. N/A
 - b. N/A
6. Currently visitors are allowed access to ward areas outside of normal visiting hours at the discretion of the senior nurse of that area. This system has worked well in the past, so there are currently no plans to change it.