

Freedom of Information Request - 3528

Dear Freedom of Information team,

RE: Medication adherence for people with Parkinson's in hospital

Parkinson's UK is trying to determine how people with Parkinson's, and their carers, are encouraged to take an active role in their treatment and care.

Please could you answer the questions below about your Trust's policies? Many thanks in advance for your assistance:

Self-administration of medicines policies

1. **Does your Trust have a self-administration of medicines policy for competent patients? Yes**
 - a. **If yes, please provide a copy of this policy? * See attached**
 - b. **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?**
Trust Wide
 - c. **If no, are you planning to introduce this policy in 2017/18? N/A**
2. **If you have a policy please provide details of the use of the self-administration of medicines policy? This includes:**
 - a. **How are your staff informed about this policy?**
Intranet
Internal newsletters
Training
 - b. **How is the implementation of this policy monitored across the hospitals in your Trust? Annual Audit**
3. **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 Trust].**

Carers visiting hours

3. **Do you currently have a policy which allows carers to visit the person they care for outside of visiting hours? Yes**
If yes, please provide a copy of this policy
<https://www.jpaget.nhs.uk/media/369700/Carers-Flexible-Visiting-Times.pdf>
<https://www.jpaget.nhs.uk/media/290348/Carers-charters.pdf>
 - a. **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**
Yes for all adult clinical care areas

- b. If no, are you planning to introduce a policy in 2017/18? Yes/ No
- c. If no, please outline any work that your Trust is undertaking with a view to enabling carers to visit the person they care for outside visiting hours?
4. 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:
- a. How are your staff informed about this policy?
Corporate Induction – all staff
Mandatory Training – all staff
Permanent Posters around the Trust
Bespoke family Carers awareness training – via Suffolk Family Carers charity
Intranet Information – for staff
Internet Information – for the public
Signed up to ‘Johns Campaigns’ one of the 1st 100 UK Hospitals to do this
- b. How is the implementation of this policy monitored across the hospitals in your Trust? *Carer experience will be picked up via The NHS Friends and Family Test (FFT)*
5. 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 Trust].