

FOI 0113/2022 Response

1. How many sets of cutters (ligature cutters) do you supply to each ward/area?

Please refer to the document title "FOI 0113_2022 Ligature cutter stock record" for the requested information and note the following:

- The number of cutters is based upon the type of unit, the risks presented on the unit and an on-going assessment of risk, whether the unit is a 'stand-alone unit' or whether there is a central point of exchange available.
- Levels of clinical acuity may see a temporary or permanent increase in stock levels provided to individual units or sites.

2. Who is responsible for the blades at ward and trust level?

Unit managers, or nurse in charge if the unit manager is not available.

Exchanging and sending away for re-sharpening is currently completed by the Trust's Reducing Restrictive Practice Team however, this may change.

The Trust is unable to name who these individuals are as we do not routinely release staff members information for those under a band8&c role.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

3. Do you register each individual blade to each ward via the serial number? Or are they individually issued to staff?

Ligature cutters are supplied to units (or central point of exchange) and serial numbers are not recorded due to the volumes used.

4. Do you have a central store where staff can exchange blades for sharp ones?

Yes, some areas have an exchange point. Stand-alone units have an increased stock and exchange at the Trust centre for exchanges.

5. If so, which department is responsible for it?

Currently the Reducing Restrictive Practice Team however, this may change over to the Resuscitation Team in the future.