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**Request**

I would like to please request copies of all policies which refer to the management of self-harm or suicidal patients in inpatient settings, and policies which outline the response to a suicide of an inpatient which are from within the Trust.

**Response**

The management of self-harm or suicidal patients within our inpatient settings is covered within the Trust's Ligature Risk Reduction Policy which we are unable to disclose.

This is because disclosure of the Ligature Risk Reduction Policy will cause vulnerabilities to the measures we have in place to prevent incidents of suicide and self-harm ,as well as ensuring a safe environment for inpatients.

The Trust therefore, rely on the exemption Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

However, the Trust can share the Risk Management Policy which seeks to support staff members to identify and manage risks. Providing a clear framework for the effective and timely management of departmental risks, wider locality service area risks and Trust wide risks.

Please note that a exemption Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to the policy. This therefore means staff members personal information such as their name and signatures have been redacted.