

## **FOI 0153/2025 Response**

### **Request**

I currently represent a number of patients detained across Cygnet Health in the North West region, so sight of this policy would assist with advice, however, the main reason for this request is in relation to clients in another unit.

A medium secure unit , where I represent a number of clients, has recently introduced a policy stating that patients in medium secure, typically, would not have access to unescorted leave, and only provides for this in very rare circumstances. I am in the process of challenging this as an unlawful policy which is not reflective of national practice, or in-keeping with the least restrictive principle. I am requesting your MSU leave policy in order that I can evidence my position, and I have contacted a number of providers with the same request, particularly those units I know grant unescorted leave from medium secure.

In the event that you do not wish to disclose the policy in it's entirety, I would be grateful if you could confirm whether your MSU Leave policy has any blanket restrictions on leave from MSU, or comments that indicate unescorted leave is not generally granted.

I can confirm that I am not instructed to challenge your leave policy.

### **Response**

Please refer to the attached Policy and note that an exemption Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied.

This therefore means that staff members names and signatures have been redacted as we do not release staff members personal information.