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I am responding to your request for information received 29 August 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Request: I write to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the toxicological screening procedures for individuals who present themselves to Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments and identify themselves as individuals who believe they might have been administered a substance without their consent.

To aid your understanding, this request pertains to procedures, information, testing, and advice, offered to those who would colloquially be referred to as individuals who believe they might have been “drugged” or “roofied”.

Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

Procedures for Toxicological Screening:

Question 1: What are the standard procedures for conducting screenings for individuals who believe they might have been administered a substance without their consent upon presenting to A&E?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
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Question 2: Are there specific protocols for these situations, and if so, what are they?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 3: If there is a document, flow chart or any other materials, pertaining to these procedures, please can these be attached to your reply.

Answer: Not applicable.

Information Provided to Patients:

Question 4: What information is given to patients regarding the utility and limitations of testing conducted in your A&E setting, including the context of potential law enforcement or justice processes, if any?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 5: Does this information make clear whether or not tests conducted in A&E are admissible in court? If so, what does it state?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 6: What advice or support is provided to individuals during and after the screening process?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 7: Are there any follow-up procedures or referrals to other support services offered to these individuals?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 8: If there is a document, flow chart or any other materials, provided to patients, please can these be attached to your reply.

Answer: Not applicable.

Scope of Toxicological Testing:

Question 9: What is the scope of screening conducted in your A&E? If available, what type of testing is used.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 9 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 10: Are any specific drugs or substances prioritised or given special attention during these screenings?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 11: Have A&E staff had specific and dedicated training about spiking? If so, please provide details of this training.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 11 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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