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I am responding to your request for information received 12th 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.

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.

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Request:

Question 1: Do your Physician Associates perform any clinical procedures not listed in the General Medical Council's Physician Associate Registration Assessment (PARA) content map (pages 21 and 22 - "Core Procedures")?

If yes, please list these additional procedures and provide any relevant governance documents (e.g. policies, procedures, SOP documents). If these documents are extensive, summaries or key excerpts will suffice.

Answer: Our Physician Associates only perform clinical procedures as listed in the appropriate core procedures content in the General Medical Council's Physician Associate Registration Assessment (PARA) guidance. No additional procedures are carried out that fall outside of this guidance.

Question 2: Is your organisation aware of any safety incidents involving Physician Associates performing clinical procedures? If yes, please provide details.

Answer: The Trust is not aware of any safety incidents involving current Physician Associates performing clinical procedures.

Question 3: Do your Physician Associates and their consultant supervisors adhere to the guidelines outlined in the "Safe Scope of Practice for Medical Associate Professionals (MAPs)" document published by the British Medical Association?

If not, please provide a summary of the activities performed by Physician Associates in your organisation that fall outside these guidelines.

Answer: Our Physician Associates and their Consultant Supervisors abide by the scope of practice specific to working within a psychiatry setting within the BMA's Safe Scope of Practice for Medical Associate Professionals document and according to the RCPsych guidance for Physician Associates working in psychiatry. No activities carried out by our Physician Associates fall outside of the BMA's guidelines.



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