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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: End of Life Care in the Emergency Department

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. What are the names of each hospital where there is an emergency department (ED)(A&E) in your trust?	Kings Mill Hospital.			
2. For each ED (A&E) in your trust could you answer the following: a) Is there a Medical End of life (EOL)/Palliative Care Lead in the ED? b) Is there a Nursing End of life (EOL)/Palliative Care Lead in the ED? c) Does the ED have access to palliative care advice/guidance/input? If so, what hours is this for? What type of service is this; is it an in person, phone advice, is it nursing or medical lead? d) Does your ED have specific resources for patients who are dying/ EOL in the ED? - What are these resources? e) Is there a specific space in your ED for patients who are dying to be looked after by the ED team? f) Is there a fast track option to a sideroom in the hospital for patients who are recognised as dying in the ED? g) Are you able to fastrack dying patients home	a) No – The Trust has a consultant medical lead for end-of-life care; however, this position is not specific to ED. b) No – The trust has a lead nurse for end-of-life care; however, this position is not specific to ED. c) Yes – Access to palliative care advice is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. This is a consultant led specialist palliative care in-reach service, which has a telephone triage service, patient facing service and out of hours medical advice telephone service. No specific resource. d) Yes – ED have access to the trusts comfort and memory making trolleys and patient information resources. ED staff have access to the EOL referral/education poster and Palliative Care Pocket Book 5 to ensure staff caring for those at the end of life have timely access to local and national guidance. ED have designated EOL Champions who have a specialist interest and receive additional learning, which they are responsible for cascading learning throughout the department.			

<p>from the ED? h) Does your ED prescribe anticipatory meds for the patient to go home with? If not, who does this? i) Does your department use RESPECT forms? If not, what do you use for your DNACPR options? j) Is your department able to access religious support 24 hours a day? k) What are you first line medications recommended for each of the following Agitation, Analgesia (Pain), Respiratory Secretions and Nausea and Vomiting l) Do you have a specific ED prescription with electronic or paper for these medications? k) Are you able to share any of your specific ED documentation or guidelines that you use for EOL care and the dying patient both nursing and medical?</p>	<p>e) No – specific space in ED, we would look to fast-track patients to the most appropriate seeing as dictated by their needs and take a person-centred approach. f) Yes g) Yes h) Yes i) Yes j) Agitation – Midazolam Pain – Morphine Respiratory Secretions – Hyoscine Butylbromide Nause/Vomiting – Levomepromazine Doses should always be individualised based on opioid exposure, fragility, renal/hepatic function and specialist advice where needed. k) No l) Yes - Please see accompanying document FOI 1460 Last Days of Life for Adults Policy.</p>			
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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