

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_133_17

You asked:

Please could you answer the questions below about your Local Health Board's (LHB) policies? Many thanks in advance for your assistance:

Self-administration of medicines policies

- 1. Does your LHB have a self-administration of medicines policy for competent patients which covers those with neurological conditions/ Parkinson's?*** - No
 - a. If yes, please provide a copy of this policy** – N/A
 - b. If yes, please outline whether this policy applies to all hospital sites and all wards, or specify the sites or wards to which it applies** – N/A
 - c. If no, are you planning to introduce this policy in 2017/18?** -
No

- 2. If you have a policy please provide details of the use of the self-administration of medicines policy? This includes:**
 - a. How are your staff informed about this policy?**
 - b. How is the implementation of this policy monitored across the hospitals in your LHB?**

N/A

- 3. If you do not have a self-administration of medicines policy, why is this? [Please let us know of any barriers to introducing a policy in your LHB].**

There is currently a pilot underway for a limited self-administration procedure for insulin. Once completed and evaluated, the results will inform future plans for developing a wider self-administration policy which would include critical time medication such and Parkinson's medicines. Barriers to implementing self-administration to date include the acuity and complexity of patients on the general wards, medicines management support /nursing time required to safely implement a self-administration policy, appropriate bedside storage for medicines which is accessible to patients.

Carers visiting hours

- 4. Do you currently have a policy which allows carers to visit the person they care for outside of visiting hours?** - No
 - a. If yes, please provide a copy of this policy** – N/A

- b. If yes, please outline whether this policy applies to all hospital sites and all wards, or specify the sites or wards to which it applies – N/A**
- c. If no, are you planning to introduce a policy in 2017/18? -**
No
- d. If no, please outline any work that your LHB is undertaking with a view to enabling carers to visit the person they care for outside visiting hours?**

Carers are all dealt with as individuals and each case is looked at individually at the discretion of the ward staff.

- 5. If you have a policy, please provide details of the use of the policy to allow carers to visit outside of traditional visiting hours? This includes:**
 - a. How are your staff informed about this policy? – N/A**
 - b. How is the implementation of this policy monitored across the hospitals in your LHB? – N/A**
- 6. If you do not have a policy which allows carers to visit the person they care for outside of visiting hours, why is this? [Please let us know of any barriers to introducing a policy in your LHB].**

Each patient is treated as an individual with individual needs and their wishes in relation to their carers are taken into account. The complexity and acuity of each patient for specific support (including discussion with their carer when appropriate) is assessed accordingly and not covered by a blanket policy at this present time.