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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_405_24

You asked:

I am writing to request information regarding the scope of practice of Physician Associates within your organisation under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

The GMC PARA content map is available at:

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=261&d=2s035iI3oICbcDrLzsOpXWYBZAktg0lDdE0d2nE9DA&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2egmc-uk%2eorg%2f-%2fmedia%2fdocuments%2fpa-registration-assessment-content-map%5fpdf-87634361%2epdf>

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Our response:

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In CTM, our PAs work to All Wales Physician Associate Governance Framework (link below - currently being revised to bring up to date) which is the only recognised Framework for PAs in Wales. This has been adapted in CTM to a local Governance Framework which is currently also being revised. The PAs do not work outside this framework.

heiw.nhs.wales/files/weds-designing-and-redesigning-physician-framework/all-wales-physician-associate-governance-framework/