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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_510_24

You asked:

I am writing to make a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the following details:

- 1) The number of physician associates (PAs) currently employed by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board.**

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- 2) The number of Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR) / Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) forms completed by physician associates in the last 6 months, whether on paper or through electronic medical records (EMR). Please include the outcome recorded on each form, such as "not for resuscitation" or any other outcome.**

Only one identified. We are not able to confirm the outcome recorded.

This information is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

- 3) Copies of any internal communications, including emails, sent in the last 6 months reminding staff that physician associates should not be completing DNAR/DNACPR forms.**

See attached below, message in Appendix 1 sent out on 10 October 2024 to all Consultants, SAS doctors and PAs.

From: CTM.MedicalDirectorsOffice <CTM.MedicalDirectorsOffice@wales.nhs.uk>

Sent: 10 October 2024 14:50

To: This was sent to all Consultants, SAS Doctors, and PAs.

Subject: Physician Associates - DNACPR Forms

Please see the below message on behalf of Dr Richard Jones, Consultant Anaesthetist:

Dear Colleague,

It's come to our attention that Physician Associates are initiating DNACPR forms.

The current guidance we have states that DNACPR forms should only be initiated/signed by a Doctor or a NMC/HCPC registered professional who has completed the All-Wales Competency Training Framework.

Please could you share this with your teams.

Regards,

Richard