

FOI083 Response

Request

Dear Sir/Madam

This request is intended to collect information on delirium assessment processes in clinical care, not including ICU settings. The information requested is detailed in the questions listed below.

Hospital / Trust / Health Board (hospital/organisation to which the information below applies):

- 1. Do you have use a delirium assessment tool as part of clinical practice for your non-ICU patients in your trust/hospital? YES / NO**

- 1. If yes, in which clinical settings are they in place (please use X to indicate all that apply)?**

- Acute general medicine/Medicine of the Elderly
- Emergency Department
- Surgical wards
- Other (please specify):

- 2. Which, if any, validated tools are included in your written (paper or electronic) policies? Please use X to indicate all that apply.**

- 4 'A's Test (4AT)
- Confusion Assessment Method
- Single Question in Delirium
- Other (please specify)

- 3. Do you have a pathway or guidelines relating to delirium? YES / NO**

If yes, in which year were they written?:

Please attach an electronic copy.

- 4. (Voluntary: not a formal part of the FOI request)**

Have staff or students performed any audits or quality improvement projects on delirium detection?

If so, please attach an electronic copy of reports or posters.

Response

The Trust does not carry out a specific delirium assessment and there is no separate pathway for treating delirium.

Delirium is classified as a medical emergency and patients that do suffer with delirium (commonly present in older adult patients with dementia) due to ongoing infection or as side effects of multiple medication are sign posted accordingly.

Please note that the Trust explicitly provide mental health services and delirium assessments are commonly carried out in acute hospital Trusts. With this in mind note that further information cannot be provided, and the request will need to be redirected to an acute Trust to obtain the requested information.