

FOI204 Response

Request

Thank you for responding to my FOI request regarding Electroconvulsive Therapy.

I note that your following response use exactly the same words as the responses of six other Trusts.

‘Cognitive assessments are done before, during and after treatment.’

I therefore have some follow up questions:

- 1 Were the statements copied? Yes/No
- 2 If Yes, from which document where they copied?
- 3 Did your Trust receive any guidance or instruction from outside the Trust that led to the use of these three statements? Yes/No
- 4 If Yes, (a) from which person or organisation did you receive guidance/instruction?
(b) did you seek the guidance/instruction or did the organisation providing it send it to you unsolicited?

Clarification: Statement is in reference to the following comment “Cognitive assessments are done before, during and after treatment”.

Response

The response provided to your Freedom of Information Request- FOI052 was not copied from any guidance or instructions outside the Trust.

However, the response was formulated by discussions that had taken place in an online forum between members of the Royal College of Psychology Electroconvulsive Therapy Accreditation Service (ECTAS).

The discussion was solely amongst other ECTAS members and based on the types of queries received in relation to ECT.

Please note that the Trust is a member of ECTAS and while compiling the response to FOI152 the online forum discussion between other ECTAS members was used to gauge and form an appropriate response.