

FOI 0106/2024 Response

Request

I would be grateful if you could let me know if your trust has an Ethics Committee/Group and, if so, provide me with a contact for the group.

Clarification: are multidisciplinary groups, including health professionals and lay members, which aim to provide support for decision-making on ethical issues arising from the provision of patient care within NHS hospitals (Trusts or Health Boards) and other health care organisations."

Response

We do not have a specific Ethics group however, we do on occasions bring together relevant people to discuss any ethical dilemmas.

We include the patient and carers wishes in these matters and have had a few of these especially in terms of treatment for patients who may have complex needs.

We also have culturally appropriate advocacy services to help our patients.

Furthermore, we advise and support Clinicians in making ethical decisions regarding care in cases of patients who lack capacity, or are detained under the mental health act. This is provided via the Associate Medical Director for Mental Health Legislation and the Head of Mental Health Legislation (doctors and nurses respectively) .