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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 27 October, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

**Request:**

- 1) Which risk scoring tools are in use within the trust which contain specific criteria on radicalisation and/or extremism? This includes VERA, VERA-2 and VERA-2R, as well as risk scoring tools which address the risk of general violence, but might also contain criteria on radicalisation/extremism.
- 2) Which of these tools are applied to all patients (for example - when new patients enter the forensic service), and which are used only when there is a specific concern about radicalisation?
- 3) Has the trust developed a Risk Assessment tool using criteria on radicalisation/extremism adapted from Basic Prevent Awareness training templates provided by NHS England? If so, please provide a template. When is this used?

**Response:**

- 1) is none that have specific criteria relating to radicalisation. The forensic service uses HCR-20 to assess risk.
- 2) N/A - although all patients in the forensic service are assessed using HCR-20
- 3) No. The Trust would be unlikely ever to complete a risk assessment on risk of radicalisation in isolation. When we are assessing risk, risk of vulnerability to a wide range of exploitations, of which radicalisation is only one, should be considered from a safeguarding perspective. Similarly, risk of harm to others is considered in relation to a

wide range of historical and actuarial factors and associated behaviours, of which extremism-associated violence would be but one. Where there are such concerns then we would refer to Prevent and a vulnerability assessment would be carried out.

The Trust has provided a copy of its Clinical Risk Assessment and Management Policy, which is attached to the accompanying email.

The Head of Forensic Mental Health and Prison Healthcare Services has offered to discuss the requests with you. If this would be helpful please let me know and I can pass on your contact details.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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