

## ***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 13 September 2022.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

**1. Policies (communicated in policy documentation, guidance, internal staff communications and similar) which relate to prioritisation of patients to receive your organisation's resources during the first 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, I am seeking documentation you hold which sets out criteria or factors to be taken into account when selecting patients for:**

**A. Admission to hospital for non-elective treatment.**

**B. Escalation of inpatients to Critical Care or Intensive Care (ICU/ITU) wards; and/or**

**C. Provision of respiratory support using positive airway pressure devices (CPAP/BIPAP) or ventilation.**

**2. Please include the policies issued by your organisation and any policies issued by third parties (such as Government bodies or medical professional organisations) in force within your organisation.**

**3. Please only supply policies which were issued or updated between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2021 (inclusive)**

*The Trust adopted relevant guidance provided by either the government or royal colleges that changed day-by-day as part of the response with a set policy being unattainable due to the level of changes. To mitigate this the Trust set up its command structures to support escalation of all COVID matters and to update staff on all COVID changes in line with these guidance's when received, with patient safety maintained throughout*

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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