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I am responding to your request for information received 4 November 2020. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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Information Governance Manager

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Request:

Thank you for your response.

Please could I have a copy of the Operational Policy for the CMHT (Beacon House) that was in place at 24th March 2020 and 3rd April 2020. I am not interested in how it has been updated.

Answer: Please find attached the Bedfordshire Adult Community Mental Health Team Operational Policy in place in March and April 2020.

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Original Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please would you send me the following documents:

Question 1. The Trust's Suicide Prevention policy and any associated policies and procedures

Answer: The Trust does not have a Suicide Prevention Policy. A report to the Trust Board details the actions taken by the Trust in the financial year 2019/20 as part of the suicide prevention strategy can be found here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/uploads/files/1/FOI/Suicide%20Prevention%20Update.pdf>

Question 2. The Crisis Team's operational policies for
a. suicide prevention
b. safeguarding
c. risk of harm
d. and any associated protocols and procedures.

Clarification

Question 2. Beacon House, Calnwood Court and Onyx Ward, so whatever policies they have in place.

Answer: The Trustwide safeguarding policy can be found here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/uploads/files/1/Policies%20and%20Procedures/Risk%20Management%20Policies/Safeguarding-Vulnerable-Adults-Guidance-for-Trust-Staff.pdf>

The Operational Policy for the CMHT (Beacon House) is currently being reviewed due to CMHT transformation and will be available in the future.

Please find attached:
The Crisis Team Operational Policy
Luton inpatient operational policy

Question 3. I would also like to know how many suicides have occurred within 14 days of discharge over the last five years.

Clarification

Question 3. Discharge from mental health wards across the Trust, and separately specifically from Onyx Ward.

Answer: Over the last five years, the Coroner has ruled 12 deaths as a suicide of service users who had been discharged from a ward across the Trust, in London and Bedfordshire and Luton, within 14 days.

Of these, none were service users who had been discharged from Onyx Ward.