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I am responding to your request for information received 8 May 2021. 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,

Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Bedford Street Triage is described as a partnership involving ELFT, Bedford Police and other agencies. In light of the recent publicity about the dangers of involving police in the care of mental health patients I would like to ask

Question 1. What involvement or warning did ELFT have in the Newsnight report on Bedford Street Triage on 4th May 2021

Answer: The Trust was notified by Police a week in advance of the intention to film the Mental Health Street Triage team.

Question 2. What steps are have the Trust taken in relation to

a. The potential identification of service users within the film

b. The fact that Superintendent XXXX relayed news of a child suicide before an Inquiry has taken place. This has potentially placed a family under additional distress and danger of further media interest.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

The filming was sourced and managed by the communications team of Bedfordshire Police. The information is not held by the Trust and therefore not disclosable.

Please redirect your request to: foi@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk