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I am responding to your request for information received 1 February 2024. 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Request:

Question 1: Confirmation that the Trust/organisation is responsible for the provision of inpatient and or community mental health services in your area?

Answer: Yes.

Question 2: Has the Trust/organisation received a copy of the national MDO Victim Protocol and the date received from the Ministry of Justice?

Answer: Yes, the Trust has received a copy of this protocol in 2021.

Question 3: Define the specific arrangements within your Trust/organisation to meet the requirements set in the national MDO Victim Protocol?

Answer: Liaison with Victim Liaison Officers (VLO) and, in some cases victims themselves, is carried out by Forensic Social Workers (FSW) in the Forensic directorate of the Trust. VLOs are identified by FSWs on admission or after the patient is convicted of the offence, whichever is later.

Question 4: Is there a Trust/organisation policy/procedure for enacting the arrangements for Victim work set out in the national MDO Victim Protocol? Please can you provide a copy?

Answer: No, the Trust does not have such a policy.

Question 5: Confirmation of the resources dedicated to Victims (such as a lead post or designated team) to meet the requirements set out in the MDO Victim Protocol? Please describe the model and staffing resource?

Answer: The Forensic Social Work team conducts liaison with the Victim Liaison Unit, as indicated above.



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