

As a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd be grateful if you could provide the following information about the provision of bowel care for adults.

Q1. Does the Board have a formal written policy for digital rectal examination, digital rectal stimulation and the digital removal of faeces in spinal cord injured and other patients with neurogenic bowel dysfunction?

- (a) Yes ✓
- (b) No

Q2. Is your policy based on the policy template that the Spinal Injuries Association circulated to your Board in August 2018?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No
- (c) **No bowel assessment and management policy in place**
Multiple input from Spinal Cord Injuries Association, NICE guidance and NMC requirements.

Q3. If admitted to the Board, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Digital removal of faeces?

- (a) Yes ✓
- (b) No

Q4. If admitted to the Board, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Digital rectal stimulation?

- (a) Yes ✓
- (b) No

Q5. If admitted to the Board, will a person with neurogenic bowel dysfunction receive the following bowel care intervention – Trans anal irrigation?

- (a) **Yes** - If required and suitable skilled person is available
- (b) No

Q6. Do you have ward-based staff skilled in supporting patients with neurogenic bowel care interventions, including the digital removal of faeces?

- (a) **Yes** but not on every ward
- (b) No

- Q7. Are staff available seven days a week to undertake these bowel care interventions?**
(a) Yes as per Q6
(b) No
- Q8. Does the Board have a policy that allows for the personal care assistants/carers of spinal cord injured patients to assist with the bowel care element of the patient's care?**
(a) Yes
(b) No ✓
- Q9. Does the Board have an appropriate clinical lead in place (such as a Continence Manager) to manage the overall delivery of bowel care interventions to patients?**
(a) Yes ✓
(b) No
- Q10. What are the contact details for this clinical lead (i.e. name, job title, telephone number and email address)?**
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