

Ref FOI17 433
Date 6 December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request. For the policy/ policies currently in use for the use of Leave under Section 17 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (as amended in 2007).

Attached: the Isle of Wight NHS Trust MH Act Section 17 Leave Policy. This is currently under review. At the current time there is no protocol in place for informal patients' leave.



Section 17 Leave
Policy .pdf

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

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previously involved with your request for information, will undertake this review. If you remain dissatisfied with the response received you may complain to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team