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ECT Service

1. Which Clinical Commissioning Group(s) (CCG) COMMISSION your ECT service?

Belfast Local Commissioning Group

2. Is your ECT service accredited by ECTAS?

No. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust ECT Service ECTAS accreditation expired.

a) If your ECT service is not accredited by ECTAS, please explain why?

Belfast Trust ECT ECTAS peer review visit was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Belfast Trust ECT service was temporarily moved from the Mater Hospital Site to the Belfast City Hospital.

Belfast Trust ECTAS accreditation will start again in 2022 (Self-review: 09/03/2022 – 01/06/2022 with the Peer-review visit: 29/06/2022)

b) If your ECT service is accredited by ECTAS, please provide copies of your two most recent ECTAS accreditation reports.

It is ECTAS' view that local reports are provided in confidence in line with their confidentiality statement (below) and so the exemption under Section 41 applies. It is clearly the expectation that the obligation to maintain confidentiality will be complied with as this is an important part of the process working effectively to help improve the quality of services and patient care. In addition, the reports contain elements of personal information which makes sections of them, exempt from sharing under Section 40(2).

ECTAS CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT:

The data contained within this booklet are confidential and not to be disseminated to anyone outside the host team or peer review team named inside this booklet without the permission of the host team or ECTAS. Any copies, electronic or paper, of this booklet retained by members of the review team after the service has received accreditation, should be destroyed. There is a publication strategy allowing ECTAS to publish the anonymous aggregated data in national reports, on its website and in appropriate scientific journals.

Furthermore, data collected as part of the self- and peer review process are held as part of an ongoing programme of research, intended to be published as part of future national reports and other outputs as stated above. This also qualifies the reports to fall under Section 22A of the exemptions list for FOI requests regarding research information.

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3. How do you inform patients about your ECT clinic's ECTAS accreditation status?

This information is not relayed to our patients.