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## Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust,

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. In your organisation, are there guidelines for the clinical management of adults with either rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest wall trauma?

Yes – there is an individualised care plan with guidelines for patients admitted with chest trauma

2. Which clinical team(s) are patients with isolated rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest wall trauma admitted under?

Admitted under the Surgical team

3. Can you please attach a copy of your most recent guidelines for the clinical management of adults with rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest wall trauma.

Attached

4. Where more than one team has produced guidelines please provide copies of all the relevant guidelines.

We have 1 guideline that is attached. Please note this guideline is under review to reflect the new national guidance/consensus from the Royal College of Anaesthetists Sept 2024 stating they do not support the use of MR opioids for Acute Pain.

5. In your organisation, is there a dedicated service/ team providing chest wall nerve blocks for rib fracture patients?

No, however this is being reviewed.

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