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Dear Mr Gittins

Regulation 28 Letter in respect of Kate Pierce

Thank you for your recent Regulation 28. We have found your comments helpful and having considered them write to confirm our acceptance of them.

Further to your enquiry about the current process regarding the decision to discharge children from the children's assessment unit at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, I can confirm the Health Board has a formal policy which is discussed with all doctors at departmental induction (see enclosed).

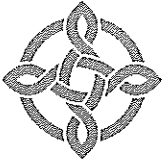
In short, no child can be discharged by a doctor with less than 6 months paediatric experience without discussion with, or reviewed by a middle grade (tier 2) doctor. All doctors are instructed to record this information in the patient's notes. For tier 1 doctors with more than 6 months paediatric experience they are allowed to discharge patients. However, this authority is not extended to all doctors, but reviewed by the consultant paediatrician.

We have debated the issue of whether to explicitly state that parents may escalate their desire to have a second opinion. Views are mixed on this.

Whilst we are confident that the culture of the department is such that a parental request or indeed concern from any member of staff would lead to a consultant review, we have taken the decision to alter the parent discharge information to explicitly state this.

I trust this is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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