Torbay and South Devon
NHS Foundation Trust

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Our Ref: TSD10928

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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

Please find below a freedom of information request relating to clinical guidelines for the treatment of interstitial lung diseases (ILD).

This request is in follow up to a previous related request submitted in April 2023 and has been prompted by recent developments in the treatments of these conditions.

1) **Has Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust published or updated any local treatment guidelines, pathways or protocols for the treatment of the interstitial lung diseases (ILD), idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) and progressive pulmonary fibrosis (PPF) since April 2023?**

   If yes, please provide a copy.

No. Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust has not published or updated any local treatment guidelines, pathways or protocols for ILD, IPF or PPF since April 2023.
Our ILD service follows nationally agreed pathways, protocols and guidelines without local variation. We have therefore not developed separate local pathways and hold no local documents to provide.

Treatment initiation for these conditions is undertaken by the Exeter ILD service through NHS England specialised commissioning, rather than by the Trust.
Our ILD service has confirmed that there have been no changes to national or regional guidance for managing these conditions since April 2023.

For information about the Exeter ILD service's treatment pathways or protocols, you can contact Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust's Freedom of Information Team by email at rduh.foi@nhs.net or write to:

Freedom of Information, Information Governance Office, Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, Wonford Hospital, Barrack Road

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team