

FOI Request Response information

FOI request reference:	2016/063
Date request received:	14/03/2016
Date request responded to:	31/03/2016
Category:	Service Delivery
Tags:	District Nurses, IV Drips, GPs

Request Detail:

info re: ability of GP and District Nurses to give IV drips

Please tell me if district nurses can be empowered and equipped by GP clinics and hospitals to give its prescription based medication through iv drip of 2 to 3 hours (medication dissolved into glucose solution) on each of the 3 consecutive days every 28 days to patient at home?

Please tell me if GP clinics nurses can be empowered and equipped by GP to give prescription based medication through iv drip of 2 to 3 hours (medication dissolved into glucose solution) on each of the 3 consecutive days every 28 days to patient at home?

Response Detail:

The Trust response to your recent FOI request is as follows:

At the Trust currently district nurses do not administer intravenous medicines. There are pathways in place which enable dedicated nursing teams to administer IV antibiotic therapy to a specific group of patients who have specific conditions such as cellulitis. (Intensive Home Support in Central and IV therapy team in Blackburn with Darwen). No medicines are administered in the community as intravenous infusions. There are currently no plans to train staff to deliver any intervention which falls outside of the pathways/agreements in place.

It could happen if this service was commissioned and there was the right training, competency, processes, infrastructure and capacity to deliver it safely.