

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000 – our ref: FOI 19/20_489

I write in response to your request under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

I confirm that the Trust holds the information you requested. Please see the replies, set out against your questions, below:

1. *What is the Trust's policy or guidance for employees regarding the use of lanyards in clinical areas to display identity badges?*

Currently the Trust policy is to use lanyards to display the name badge/ ID card.

2. *Which of the following options best describes the Trust's policy?:*
 - a. *To discourage or ban those who work in clinical areas from wearing lanyards (e.g. in the interests of infection control) or...*
 - b. *To encourage or make it compulsory for workers in clinical areas to wear lanyards (e.g. to facilitate identification of staff members) or...*
2.b best describes the Trust's policy.
 - c. *Neutral stance or there is no specific policy or guidance in place regarding the use of lanyards in clinical areas*

3. *If there is currently a specific policy or guidance on the use of lanyards in place at this Trust, when was it first implemented?*

Yes, we have a policy on the use of lanyards, which was implemented about five years ago. However, we are in the process of reviewing our policy to consider the research about IPC and lanyards so we may be changing in the near future.