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Subject: Mental health assessment in A+E

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. Please can you confirm the emergency departments (ED) within your trust - both their name and address.

Whiston Hospital, Warrington Road, L35 5DR

Southport hospital, Town Lane, PR8 6PN

2. In each of your EDs are your registered nurses (RN) allowed to give intravenous (IV) morphine.

Yes

3. In each of your EDs are your registered nurses allowed to give intravenous (IV) diamorphine.

Yes

4. In each of your EDs are your registered nurses allowed to give intravenous (IV) fentanyl.

No

5. If RNs are allowed to give either IV Morphine, IV Diamorphine or IV Fentanyl - did they undertake a specific drug training package?

Staff attend the Trust IV Study Day on both sites followed by a competency framework whereby 10 boluses/ 10 continuous infusions/ 10 intermittent infusions must be observed in practice before staff are signed off to practice independently. Staff follow trust policy of Medusa/Emergency Prescribing, found on the Intranet - Whiston ED

6. If so which drug, was it for? Would you be able to share this training package.

Yes

7. If they are not allowed to give IV Morphine, IV Diamorphine or IV Fentanyl who is allowed to give each of the drugs?

IV Fentanyl administered by doctors

8. For each of the drugs are there any specific areas where the drugs can only be given with in the ED?

IV Fentanyl – Resus only