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Subject: North West Regional Spinal Injuries Centre

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. How many patients were admitted for inpatient SCI Rehab in 2022/2023 & 2024?

	2022	2023	2024	Total
No of patients admitted for Inpatient SCI Rehab	99	117	123	339

2. Does the Trust have a policy on offering or recommending a colostomy to inpatients at the Spinal Unit? If so please provide a copy

There is no formal policy.

3. In the event offering or recommending a colostomy is not covered by a formal policy, what is the procedure in respect of a patient undergoing a colostomy following inpatient admission for rehabilitation for spinal cord injury?

Patients would be clinically assessed to determine if they required a colostomy and surgery undertaken by the Surgical team. If a patient requires a Spinal bed for the procedure, usually SCI level of injury at T6 or above due to Autonomic Dysreflexia, they would be added to the Spinal Short Stay admission waiting list.

4. Does the Trust have a policy in respect of offering or recommending colostomy for those with spinal cord injury after discharge from rehabilitation? If so please provide a copy.

There is no formal policy.

5. In the event offering or recommending a colostomy it is not covered by a formal policy, what is the procedure in respect of a patient undergoing a colostomy for those with spinal cord injury after discharge from rehabilitation?

Patients would be clinically assessed to determine if they required a colostomy and surgery undertaken by the Surgical team. Patients are nursed on a general surgical ward, unless they are at risk of Autonomic Dysreflexia (based on level of injury). This decision is made on an individual patient basis by the spinal consultant and Surgical team.

6. How many spinal cord injured patients received a colostomy within your Trust in 2022/2023 & 2024? Of these patients how many received their colostomy whilst an inpatient for rehabilitation and how many received their colostomy post discharge from inpatient rehabilitation?

No records kept within Spinal regarding colostomies.