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**REQUEST:**

1. At which general hospital(s) does your Trust provide liaison psychiatry services?

For each of the above hospitals, please answer the questions below:

2. Is there a written policy about prioritising patients who have been referred to liaison psychiatry, or determining which referrals to accept? (If No, please move to Question 6).
3. If so, is this policy made available to all (psychiatry and non-psychiatry) clinicians working within the general hospital? If so, please specify where (e.g. Trust intranet)?
4. Please attach the policy document if possible. We aim to extract only certain information from the policy document, so if the complete policy document cannot be sent, please send the following information:
  - a. Details on which locations this policy covers and which patients (i.e. inpatient ward/A&E/referrals) the policy covers.
  - b. Details on any guidelines to prioritise or determine which referrals to accept. Specifically:
    - i. Patients should be medically fit for discharge prior to review
    - ii. Patients should be medically fit for assessment prior to review
    - iii. No restriction applied; all patients are reviewed
    - iv. Any other methods used to prioritise patient referrals (please specify)
  - c. Whether the policy states which professional group (e.g. psychiatrist, psychologist, nurse) should review the referral and/or assess the patient? If so, please specify.
  - d. When was the policy last reviewed or updated?
5. When (if at all) was local practice last audited against this policy and what were the findings?
6. At your Trust, how do doctors refer patients to liaison psychiatry for review (e.g. by telephone, by electronic referral system, by email, by fax)?

**OUR RESPONSE:**

1. Details of the Liaison Psychiatry Service provide by the Trust can be found on our website at: <https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/adult-liaison-psychiatry-service/> However, in an effort to be helpful we can confirm we this service to adult patients under the care of University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust at their three sites: Leicester General Hospital, Glenfield Hospital and the Leicester Royal Infirmary.
2. No
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. Referral by fax