

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/536

Community Nurse Catheter Passport

Information Requested:

I was wondering if there is a document available for community nurses that states that they are not allowed to change a catheter out in the community without a catheter passport please?

Response details:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. Under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that we have no separate catheterisation policy in the UHB and clinicians adhere to the RCN and Marsden Guidance and Aseptic Non-Touch Technique on catheterisation in terms of training, competency and procedure.

The RCN guidance Catheter Care 2021 encourages the use of a catheter passport as a tool for communication between different health care providers.

However, the absence of a Catheter Passport does not preclude catheterisation if appropriate and the clinician will investigate all the information available in order to make a decision regarding whether a catheter can be changed considering individual circumstances, patient history and risk assessment.