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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

Original Request:

Please tell me if district nurses can be empowered and equipped by GP clinics and hospitals to give its prescription based medication through iv drip of 2 to 3 hours (medication dissolved into glucose solution) on each of the 3 consecutive days every 28 days to patient at home?

Please tell me if GP clinics nurses can be empowered and equipped by GP to give prescription based medication through iv drip of 2 to 3 hours (medication dissolved into glucose solution) on each of the 3 consecutive days every 28 days to patient at home?

Our Response:

Further to your FOI request to Wirral Community NHS Trust, please see below the trust's response to the information requested.

The trust's community nurses can administer intravenous medication over a maximum of 30 minutes. The nurses do not have the equipment to administer medication over longer periods. There is a limited list of antibiotics that the nurses are authorised to administer. All these have been risk assessed as being safe for administration in a patient's home.

The GP would not be able to authorise the administration of intravenous medication for periods over 30 minutes.

I trust this satisfies your request for information under the Freedom of Information scheme.

Yours sincerely