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Dear [REDACTED]

### Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 45294 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

A&E Attendance – Drugged or Roofied

Your request is set out below:

I write to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the toxicological screening procedures for individuals who present themselves to Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments and identify themselves as individuals who believe they might have been administered a substance without their consent.

To aid your understanding, this request pertains to procedures, information, testing, and advice, offered to those who would colloquially be referred to as individuals who believe they might have been “drugged” or “roofied”.

Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

Procedures for Toxicological Screening:

- 1.
- 2.
3. What are the standard
4. procedures for conducting screenings for individuals who believe they might have been administered a substance without their consent upon presenting to A&E?
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
8. Are there specific
9. protocols for these situations, and if so, what are they?
- 10.

If there is a document, flow chart or any other materials, pertaining to these procedures, please can these be attached to your reply.

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati  
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

Information Provided to Patients:

- 3.
- 4.
5. What information is
6. given to patients regarding the utility and limitations of testing conducted in your A&E setting, including the context of potential law enforcement or justice processes, if any?
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
10. Does this information
11. make clear whether or not tests conducted in A&E are admissible in court? If so, what does it state?
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
15. What advice or support
16. is provided to individuals during and after the screening process?
- 17.
- 18.
- 19.
20. Are there any follow-up
21. procedures or referrals to other support services offered to these individuals?
- 22.

If there is a document, flow chart or any other materials, provided to patients, please can these be attached to your reply.

Scope of Toxicological Testing:

- 7.
- 8.
9. What is the scope
10. of screening conducted in your A&E? If available, what type of testing is used.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
14. Are any specific drugs
15. or substances prioritised or given special attention during these screenings?
- 16.

Training:

- 9.
- 10.
11. Have A&E staff had
12. specific and dedicated training about spiking? If so, please provide details of this training.
- 13.

**The Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust are not commissioned to provide A&E services, these services are provided across Kent and Medway by the Acute Trust's we are therefore unable to provide you with the data you have requested.**

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of  
The Information Governance Department