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Subject: Guidelines on managing drug dependent patients

## REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. Please could you confirm whether in January 2020 you had any local guidance in place, which specifically considered, in an acute setting:

- the management of withdrawal from illicit drugs and/or

**Please see attached**

- the continuation of community substitution prescriptions for drug dependence (such as opioid substitution therapy) and/or

**They are managed by GP's and local de-addiction team such as CGL (care, grow and live). We sometimes refer patients to the Walton Centre advanced opioid clinic for their expert review.**

- the initiation of such a prescription.

**As above**

2. Please could you share this guidance with us (as it was in January 2020) under the terms of the FOI Act, or otherwise point us to where it could be found in the public domain.

<https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/policy-and-research/public-and-population-health/prescribed-drugs-dependence-and-withdrawal>