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Dear Ms Magee

Official Information Act Request – PIC line policy

Thank you for your request dated 2 August 2019 requesting a copy of the policies and procedures in relation to the referral and prioritising of PICC lines in Waikato DHB patients.

The Waikato DHB follow the internationally recognised Lippincott procedures for the assessment, care and management of PICC lines. Please see procedures document attached. Please note that this information is to be used only under the supervision of the Waikato DHB and is not intended for use in any other practice.

In relation to the referral and prioritising of PICC lines in Waikato DHB patients, please see attached the Peripheral Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) referral form that is routinely completed by the referring doctor to provide clear information on a patient's referral criteria. The form includes a section for the completion of PICC triage scores to help determine the prioritisation of the PICC insertion.

The decision to place a PICC, as quoted in Lippincott procedures, is part of an interprofessional collaboration with the patient and caregiver and is based on the prescribed therapy and treatment plan.

I trust this information provided covers your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claire Tahu".

Claire Tahu
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