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From: Commercial

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**Subject:** Guidelines on managing and treating drug dependent patients in an acute

setting

- Q1 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
  - the continuation of community substitution prescriptions for drug dependence (such as opioid substitution therapy)
    and/or
  - the initiation of such a prescription
- A1 We did not have any local guidance in place.
- Q2 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.
- A2 Information not held as per A1 above.