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Information requested:

1. Please provide a full disclosure of all and any recorded information detailing provisions for the supplication of a Catholic priest to hospital patients if requested, to administer the catholic sacrament of confession, communion, or extreme unction to such patients.
2. Please also disclose a full count of any complaints by any person alleging that such a request was denied by the hospital or that a Catholic priest was obstructed from administering such sacraments by NHS personnel at the hospital.

Between 1/1/2018-1/1/2021

Response:

1. Weekly Mass, (which includes communion), is facilitated for any patient who is clinically well enough to access the Skye Centre. The Priest attends wards to engage on a 1:1 basis, weekly, with any patient who is unable to access the Skye Centre in order to facilitate communion. Confession is heard on request on a 1:1 basis in the ward. A well-established process is in place to enable the Priest to access the Hospital rapidly in response to a request for extreme unction.
2. There have been zero complaints made.