

## USE OF LIGATURE CUTTER

- Any use of ligature cutter is a notifiable event (Regulation 40) and will trigger the Green Form procedure.
- Staff should refer to the relevant Child Protection Concern flow chart.
- Guidance in this flowchart is in addition to the Child Protection procedures

- Dynamic risk assessment of current staffing levels completed in consultation with Registered/ Deputy/ on-call manager. This should consider:
  - Are additional staff required?
  - Are current staff able to continue working?
  - Is a waking night necessary (in the home or at hospital)?
  - Will subsequent shifts require additional/ different staff to those planned?

- Review of IBSP
- Instigation or review of self-harm management plan and/ or individual risk assessment for ligature behaviour
- Review of home's environmental risk assessment (to include arrangements for storage and monitoring of ligature cutters)

- Incident report shared with Senior PRICE instructor for review. Outcomes to be considered:
  - Additional staff debrief/ support
  - Training needs
  - Were all procedures understood and followed?
  - MDT meeting/ case review – to include Therapy Service/ Psychologist/ Education

- Remove used ligature cutter from circulation and replace with new ligature cutter – where new cutter is not available the used tool should remain in circulation and be replaced as soon as is practicable. – within 72 hours.
- Used ligature cutters are returned to designated PRICE instructor (Gareth Wren, Kent, Tina Reade, East Midlands)
- Designated PRICE instructor will supply new cutter and arrange for used cutter to be sharpened.
- Update all monitoring systems to reflect new ligature cutter in circulation (change of serial number)