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18<sup>th</sup> October 2016,

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016, with regards Equality Impact Assessment for the Women's hospital.

Request/**Response**

- 1) Can you supply me with the Equality Impact Assessment, as performed for the potential closure of the Women's Hospital and its transference to the new Royal.
- 2) Could you also supply the evidence/data utilized to inform the EIA.
- 3) if you could supply me with the Governmental EIA, in terms of funding reductions to the Women's Hospital.

***At present an equality assessment is being conducted on the range of options being considered for the future provision of services delivered by Liverpool Women's Hospital. The assessment will form part of the pre-consultation business case setting out these options and the implications of each. The business case is also still in development and so is not yet published. Once the pre-consultation business case is finalised it requires assurance from NHS England and consideration by various committees. Once these processes have taken place, the range of options in the pre-consultation business case will be presented to the public for formal consultation. The equality assessment work will be available to the public as part of the consultation. No decision will be made on the future of the services until the formal consultation has concluded and been considered.***

***Regarding the governmental EIA you request, while the NHS is subject to governmental financial decisions, there have been no cuts nationally***

***in terms of NHS funding – there is still growth in allocations. Therefore there are no direct cuts of the nature you describe applied to Liverpool Women’s Hospital. The CCG are not aware if an equality assessment was made when government NHS spending was allocated and your enquiry regarding this would need to be directed to Department of Health.***

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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