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Dear Lui

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 31st October 2019, with regards to the CCG's policy around transgender patients and their access to fertility treatment.

Request / Response:

1. Your CCG's policy specifically in relation to the commissioning of gamete storage treatment to transgender individuals under the age of 18 years old
 - a. Should you not have a policy please confirm this by return, together with:
 - b. a full explanation of the approach you would take in making such commissioning decisions referred to at 1 without such policy.
 - i. Please include copies of any guidance, regulation or policy you refer to within the explanation requested at 1(b).

Response: We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act as we do not hold the information you have requested. Liverpool Women's Hospital may hold this information and you can contact them via email foi@lwh.nhs.uk

2. Your CCG's policy in relation to the commissioning of gamete storage treatment to other patients whose fertility may be compromised by any treatment they are about to receive under the age of 18 years old. This could include, but examples should not be limited to cancer patients.

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3. The number of transgender patients under 18 years old that have been commissioned for fertility treatment June 2017-June 2019

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4. The number of other patients whose fertility may be compromised by any treatment they are about to receive under the age of 18 years old that have been commissioned for fertility treatment June 2017-June 2019

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Where you are not satisfied with the decision of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a further review of that decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure in the first instance.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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,

**Corporate Services Team
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