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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10th July 2018 (received into our office 11th July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding disorders of sex development.

On 11th July 2018 I telephoned you to confirm that it was information from University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) and not University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust that you required, you confirmed that this was correct.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust Officer (clarified above as being UHNM)

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information is for a research project examining Disorders of Sex Development in the UK. The project is being conducted by Dr Fae Garland (University of Manchester), Prof Michael Thomson (University of Leeds, University of Technology Sydney), Dr Mitch Travis (University of Leeds) and Dr Joshua Warburton (University of Leeds)

We seek information about the evaluation and care given to those with Disorders of Sex Development. We are interested in the procedures carried out by the Trust, and how far international standards of best practice are being engaged with.

We have put together a list of questions, which we would be grateful if you could answer in this order:

1. Who provides expert evaluation of gender assignment in new-borns with Disorders of Sex Development?

A1 Information not held, however Birmingham Children Hospital may hold this information and they can be contacted via the following link/address below:

Email bwc.freedomofinformation@nhs.net or write to:

FOI Lead/Publication scheme coordinator
2nd Floor,
Heslop House
Birmingham Children's Hospital
Steelhouse Lane
Birmingham
B4 6NH

Tel: 0121 333 8954

Q2 Does the Trust use a multidisciplinary team that deals with the evaluation and long-term management and needs of patients with Disorders of Sex Development?

A2 As answer 1

Q3 If yes to question 2, can you provide contact details for the team?

A3 As answer 1

Q4 What specialties are represented on the multidisciplinary team (e.g. paediatric subspecialists in endocrinology, surgery, and/or urology, psychology/psychiatry, gynaecology, genetics, neonatology, and, if available, social work, nursing, and medical ethics)? Please list them.

A4 As answer 1

Q5 When dealing with Disorders of Sex Development, what guidelines, if any, do decision makers follow?

A5 As answer 1

Q6 How many people are referred to this team per year (please give numbers for the last five years)?

A6 As answer 1

This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are

still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



Leah Carlisle
Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance