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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 30 October 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to transgender policy and information. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Paddy Baker
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Q1:

Your CCG's policy specifically in relation to the commissioning of gamete storage treatment to transgender individuals under the age of 18 years' old

Response:

There is no specific policy for transgender as NHS Dorset CCG supports gamete storage for patients who may have potential treatment likely to impair fertility (note patient should have started puberty). However, requests for patients under the age of 18 would be considered case by case basis.

Q1a:

Should you not have a policy please confirm this by return, together with:

Q1b:

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:

Dorset CCG already supports gamete storage for patients whose fertility may be impacted from medical treatment but any request for patients under the age of 18 they would be considered on a case by case basis. In the absence of National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance to CCGs and medical professionals on fertility preservation treatment for people with gender dysphoria the decision for gamete storage for under 18's would be based on recommendation from the child and adolescent gender identity service who would submit the request to Dorset CCG for funded NHS treatment. As and when emerging guidance and recommendations are available from relevant organisations and professionals e.g. NICE, HFEA, fertility network UK for child and adolescent gender identity the CCG will continue to consider in any decision making and policy review.

Q2:

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.

Response:

As stated above Dorset CCG supports gamete storage for patients who may have potential treatment likely to impair fertility, e.g. malignancy; and the patient should have started puberty; However, patients under the age 18 would be considered on a case by case basis.

3:

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

Response:

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Q4:

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;

Response:

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