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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with full answers to each of the following questions:

1. Does your trust have a general policy on the care of transgender patients or guidelines for supporting trans staff and patients? If so, please supply a copy

- The Trust has a policy for supporting colleagues, see attached, but nothing for patients. Please note names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses have been redacted from the policy. For a copy of the policy please contact dqft.foi@nhs.net quoting reference 000163

2. Does your trust have a specific policy on maternity/pregnancy for trans and non-binary patients? If so, please supply a copy

- At the moment we do not currently have a specific policy for trans and non-binary parents however we are in the process of creating one with another Trust in our Local Maternity and Neonatal System. We will be collaborating with service users, staff LGBTQ+ networks and with a Trust within our LMNS to co-produce an inclusive collaborative guideline. The guideline will include early pregnancy and service users' voices to enhance the journey and experience through our services which will also offer a consistent, equitable approach to care.

3. Does your trust record patients' biological sex, self-described gender identity or both?

- The Trust's Patient Administration System can record both biological sex and self-described gender identity and we have MX for those who do not wish to be addressed as Miss, Mrs or Mr.

4. Does your trust follow Annex B of NHS same-sex accommodation guidance, which states that a trans patient can be placed in an opposite sex ward?

- Please see extract below from the Trust's Privacy and Dignity (incorporating same sex/mixed sex accommodation) policy.

Section 5.5.4 Transgender Patients and Same Sex Accommodation Compliance Transgender patients (trans men – female to male and trans women – male to female) must be accommodated according to their gender in which they present, unless they specify otherwise. It is important that these patients do not experience discrimination in the clinical setting. Appropriate dignity and modesty considerations must also be given to

other patients in the same bay through the appropriate use of screens/curtains or the option of using a side room where available.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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