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NN-ICB/23/316

Dear Requestor

**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

- 1) Does the ICB currently offer fertility preservation for transgender patients?

Yes, the ICB currently offers fertility preservation for transgender patients.

- 2) What is the ICB's current policy for providing fertility preservation?

This information is publicly available and the policies can be found on the ICB website via the following links:

- <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/04/NNCCG-Service-Restriction-Policy-Nottinghamshire-ADDITIONAL-INFORMATION-v0.3-ICB.pdf> - see page 24 of the linked document along with the attached prior approval form
- <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/04/BAS-CCG-Cryopreservation-Commissioning-Policy-ICB.pdf>

- a) What is the ICB's current policy for providing fertility preservation for transgender patients?

Please see the policies linked above.

- 3) Did any of the ICB's former CCG bodies offer fertility preservation for transgender patients?

Yes.

- a) If so, how many and which ones?

- NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire – see Document Control of the Service Restriction Policy – added September 2020
- NHS Bassetlaw CCG – see Document Control of the Service Restriction Policy – Amended in August 2019 to include all patient groups

- 4) Does the ICB intend to consult on or update its provision of fertility preservation for transgender patients?

Currently work is being undertaken to review and update all fertility related policies. Once the clinically led work to review these policies are complete then consideration will be made on whether or not there will need to be a consultation on any proposed change, based on Section 14Z45 of the NHS Act 2006 (as amended).

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via [lucy.branson@nhs.net](mailto:lucy.branson@nhs.net) or by writing to FOI Team at NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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