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Dear

## INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

*I am seeking information about patients who have been referred for gender reassignment operations in your NHS Trust.*

*I am aware that some patients will be referred for hormone treatment. My questions relate specifically to those choosing to undergo surgery.*

1) *Please state the number of patients who have undergone gender reassignment operations in the following financial years:*

- i) 2010/2011
- ii) 2012/2013
- iii) 2014/2015
- iv) 2015/2016

2) *Please state the number of patients currently on the waiting list for gender reassignment operations. Please also provide a breakdown of those on the waiting list for each year of:*

- a) *Patients who were born male who are transitioning to become female.*
- b) *Patients who were born female who are transitioning to become male.*

*Please provide information for the following financial years:*

- i) 2010/2011
- ii) 2012/2013
- iii) 2014/2015
- iv) 2015/2016

3) *Please state the average waiting time from first appointment to first operation for patients who have elected for gender reassignment surgery in the following financial years:*

- i) 2010/2011
- ii) 2012/2013
- iii) 2014/2015

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iv) 2015/2016

4) Please state the five longest waiting times of those on the waiting list for a gender reassignment operation for:

- a) Patients who were born male who are transitioning to become female.
- b) Patients who were born female who are transitioning to become male.

Please provide information for the following financial years:

- i) 2010/2011
- ii) 2012/2013
- iii) 2014/2015
- iv) 2015/2016

5) Please state the overall numbers of operations for patients undergoing reassignment in the following financial years.

- i) 2010/2011
- ii) 2012/2013
- iii) 2014/2015
- iv) 2015/2016

6) Please state how many consultants/surgeons currently work for your trust who carry out gender reassignment operations or gender reassignment related surgery – and the type of surgery and operations they will carry out when doing gender reassignment operations.

This Trust does not perform Gender Reassignment Surgery

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



**Pauline Law**  
Director of Nursing

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