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Date: 6th September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 22nd August 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I am requesting a copy of the following;

1. Any policy relating to the care or treatment of transgender patients whilst inpatient including bed/ward allocation,

Please see attached. The policy was due for review in June 2023 however the review was delayed due to awaiting imminent national guidance from NHSE. The Trust will also be incorporating recommendations from Rainbow Badge Programme Assessment.

2. Any policy relating to the care or treatment of transgender patients whilst outpatient,

Please see attached.

3. Any policy relating to the updating of patient records for transgender patients when they change name and/or sex marker,

The Trust does not currently have a policy. There has been no National guidance for Acute Trusts from NHSE on this. NHSE are currently developing guidance which we are awaiting release of before the policy and SOP can be formalised.

4. Any policy relating to the issuance of a new hospital number for transgender patients when they update their listed sex via the process set out by PCSE,

The Trust does not currently have a policy. There has been no National guidance for Acute Trusts from NHSE on this. NHSE are currently developing guidance which we are awaiting release of before the policy and SOP can be formalised.

5. Any policy relating to the updating and redaction of patient records for transgender patients when they are issued a new NHS Number by PCSE,

The Trust does not currently have a policy. There has been no National guidance for Acute Trusts from NHSE on this. NHSE are currently developing guidance which we are awaiting release of before the policy and SOP can be formalised.

6. Any policy regarding post NHS number/name-change clinical notes and communications regarding transgender patients, such as guidance as to when it is clinically appropriate to mention that a patient is transgender, including any policy statements relating to staff awareness of section 22 of the gender recognition act 2004.

The Trust does not currently have a policy. There has been no National guidance for Acute Trusts from NHSE on this. NHSE are currently developing guidance which we are awaiting release of before the policy and SOP can be formalised.

7. Also, can you confirm if the trust has any plans to update any of the above policies in the near future?

Yes, once guidance has been released by NHS England.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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