

Date: Tuesday, 25th July 2023
Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 5803

Sid Watkins Building
Lower Lane
Fazakerley
Liverpool L9 7BB
Tel: 01515253611
Fax: 01515295500
Direct Line: 01515563038

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5803

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 28th June 2023.

Your request was as follows:

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

I can confirm that the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does have a policy for transgender, non-binary and gender fluid patients. Please see attached.

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

N/A

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

The WCFT record the patient's sex on PAS according to what was indicated on the referral. If a person who was born male/female and now lives as the alternative sex, then we would record their preferred sex on PAS.

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?

Yes, the WCFT do follow Annex B, we also provide side rooms at patients request.

Please see our response above in blue.

Re-Use of Public Sector Information

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however the Trust reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

For more information can be found at www.opsi.gov.uk where a sample license terms and fees can be found with



A SMOKE FREE SITE

www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk

guidance on copyright and publishing notes and a Guide to Best Practice and regulated advice and case studies, at www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5803 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Mike Burns

Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information