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Dear Claire Hubble,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Virginity Testing/Hymen Inspections**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

Please note from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG, NHS South Cheshire CCG, NHS Vale Royal CCG and NHS West Cheshire CCG merged to form NHS Cheshire CCG.

**You asked:**

**I am investigating requests for the inspection of a person's hymen for the purpose of verifying whether they have had sexual intercourse.**

**1) How many people have received a hymen inspection for this purpose since 2015?**

**2) How many people have requested to have a hymen inspection for this purpose since 2015?**

**Our response:**

1 – 2) Based on a review of the EMIS data for Primary Care and SUS data for Secondary Care, NHS Cheshire CCG has found no recorded instances of people either requesting or receiving a hymen inspection for the purpose of verifying whether they have had sexual intercourse since 2015.

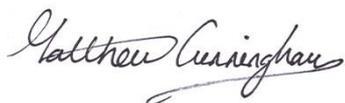
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Yours sincerely



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