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Dr. Ruth Livingstone  
Via email: [request-894849-c3b45a96@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-894849-c3b45a96@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Dr. Livingstone,

**Re: Decision Notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

**Duty to confirm or deny**

I can confirm that some of the information requested is held by the Trust.

**Response to the information requested**

I am currently researching an article on gender clinics and informed consent.

Please could you send me copies of each different consent form used, for both adults and children, over the past 5 years within your trust (i.e., 2017 to 2022 inclusive) for the following procedures and treatments:

1) Cross-sex hormones – **Please see forms we currently use attached; we do not keep old/previous forms as they may be used in error. Consent is recorded on patients' individual notes for hormone therapy and surgical referrals. Information sheets attached relate to hormones. Information is shared with the GP once signed and hormones are recommended. Please note the Trust provides an Adult Gender Service only.**

2) Puberty blockers – **Not Applicable as the Trust does not provide Children’s Gender Services**

3) Gender reassignment surgery (including but not limited to breast surgery, genital surgery, hysterectomies, orchidectomies, phalloplasty, metoidioplasty, facial surgery, thyroid/tracheal shaves, and other cosmetic procedures for gender reassignment purposes, etc).

**Not applicable as the Trust does not provide Surgery Gender Reassignment Surgery**

Please could you send me the numbers of patients undergoing the treatments / procedures in the 3 categories above, broken down by age and biological sex, over the most recent 5 years for which you have the data. (By biological sex: I mean the sex recorded on the birth certificate. By age: the relevant age groups are fine, as long as we can differentiate children, teenagers, young adults, middle aged and older adults.) A spreadsheet containing this information would be really helpful.

**Information is not held centrally. Information is held within the individual patient record. To provide this information would require manual extraction and manipulation from various systems including paper records which would exceed the appropriate time limit of 18 Hours as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.**

If you do not provide any of the above procedures yourself, please would you provide a list of the Trusts or providers to which you refer your patients for gender-reassignment endocrine and surgical services

**For a list of providers, we suggest you contact the Gender Dysphoria National Referral Support Service. Please see details below:**

Email: [agem.gdnrss@nhs.net](mailto:agem.gdnrss@nhs.net).

Tel: [01522 857799](tel:01522857799)

**Exemption(s) which apply**

- **Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act Applies as outlined above**

All information we have provided is subject to the provisions of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015. Accordingly, if the information has been made available for re-use under the [Open Government Licence](#) (OGL) a request to re-use is not required, but the licence conditions must be met. You must not re-use any previously unreleased information without having the consent from Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Should you wish to re-use previously unreleased information then you must make your request in writing. All requests for re-use will be responded to within 20 working days of receipt.

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at: The Resource, Duncan Macmillan House, Porchester Road, Nottingham NG3 6AA or email [rebecca.allen@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:rebecca.allen@nottshc.nhs.uk).

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Yours faithfully,

**Freedom of Information Team**