

24 February 2020

Freedom of Information
c/o Corporate Records Office,
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Dear Mr Brown

Your Requests for Information: FOI-0104-20, FOI-0125-20

Thank you for your request for information which has been processed under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Your request and the response are below:

1. What are your policies on two females seeking fertility?

We treat female same sex couples.

The funding of the treatment is based on whether they meet their local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)'s funding criteria. If they do not, they are asked if they wish to self-fund the treatment.

2. Two men seeking an egg/surrogacy?

The Trust does not have a policy relating to this. As above, the criteria for accessing NHS fertility treatment is dependent on the patient's local CCG's Fertility Policy.

We have not as yet been approached and treated a same sex male couple wanting to use and egg donor / surrogate.

3. What guidelines are given to GPs to refer is so can you furnish a copy?

GP's can refer patients for NHS fertility treatment based on their local CCG's Fertility Policy.

We suggest you contact CCGs directly to request information about their Fertility Policies and what guidelines are provided to GPs.

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Yours sincerely,

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