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L-M Nelson
Dear Miss Nelson,

Further to your request for information received 5 February 2020 and allocated reference 2020-5092 - please find our response below.

Questions and Responses

1. What documentation is provided to be completed by service users who begin, are undergoing, or have completed (including having been assigned a new NHS number) gender reassignment in order to change their details held by the trust?
 - The Trust does not ask patients to complete documentation to change details held by the Trust in relation to gender re-assignment
2. What systems are in place in relation to handling patient records, both electronic and hard copy, for service users held in a previous and current identity? Including alert systems, quarantining, linking of records, data security, data accuracy, etc.
 - The Trust has strict confidentiality policies and guidelines in place for the secure handling of all patient information, there are no specific procedures in relation to gender identity and re-assignment
3. What systems and policies are in place in relation to services users, new and existing, who refuse to disclose their previous medical history in relation to previous identities and gender reassignment?
 - The Trust is in consultation with services users and teams for the development and progression of policy around gender identity.
4. What systems and policies are in place regarding service users who obtain a gender recognition certificate?
 - Gender recognition certificates are not normally provided for our young people who self-identify at a younger age, The Trust currently asks young people to make clinicians aware of their birth gender where it may be necessary to their healthcare needs. We do not ask our young patients to identify their gender status as part of any demographic data collection
5. What systems, reviews and oversights are in place to ensure the trust is reviewing and updating its policies and practices in relation to service users who are or have undergone gender reassignment, those who obtain a gender recognition certificate, and for complying with changes in legal requirements and regulations in relation to gender reassignment?

- As Question 3: The Trust is in consultation with services users and teams for the development and progression of new policy and procedures around gender identity

If you have any queries about this response or wish to discuss your request further, please contact the Information Governance team.

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may request an internal review.

Yours sincerely,

Information Governance Team

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