

Dear

Thank you for your communications dated 19 August 2018.

Please note that the FOI Act allows us to aggregate requests from the same applicants which are deemed to be for “the same or similar information”. As such, we are aggregating your requests and they will be responded to under the reference of FOI-057147.

NHS England has assessed your communication as a request under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Your exact request was:

**“Request 1:**

1. How many women with PCOS have developed other complications such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease etc.
2. The ages these women developed these problems (e.g 14 -21, 22-29, 30-37, 38 - 46, 47 - 55, 55-60, 60+)
3. How many women with PCOS have been through early menopause in the last year?

**Request 2:**

1. How many women with PCOS have received IVF treatment each year for the last 4 years?
2. How many women were successful in getting pregnant with this method?
3. How many women receive this treatment more than once?

**Request 3:**

1. How many women in the UK have been diagnosed with PCOS each year for the last 5 tax years?
2. Categorized by age and ethnicity.”

NHS England does not hold information in relation to your request.

It may help if we first explain that NHS England is not the same as ‘the NHS in England’. The NHS in England is not a single organisation but is made up of a range of organisations such as Hospitals, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Ambulance Trusts. NHS England is responsible for commissioning primary care services such as GP and dental surgeries, as well as some specialised secondary care services. Therefore, any recorded information NHS England may be able to

provide in response to an FOI request will generally relate to the services NHS England commissions.

For information on commissioned services and the types of information NHS England holds can be found on our [website](#) and [publication scheme](#). For further information on the NHS, its structure and other NHS organisations please refer to [NHS Choices](#).

IVF treatment is commissioned by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's). As such, you may wish to redirect your enquiry to individual CCGs. You can find CCG contact information on the NHS Choices website at the following web link:

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CCGListing.aspx>

Individual GP practices may hold information in relation to request 1 and 3. You can find a list of individual GP practices via the NHS Choices website at the following web link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/GP/Location/4>

We hope this information is helpful. However, if you are dissatisfied, you have the right to ask for an internal review. This should be requested in writing within two months of the date of this letter. Your correspondence should be labelled "Internal Review" and should outline your concerns and/or the area(s) you would like the review to consider. Internal Review requests should be sent to:

NHS England  
PO Box 16738  
REDDITCH  
B97 9PT

Email: [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)

Please quote the reference number FOI-0 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's Office (ICO) can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)  
Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Please note there is no charge for making an appeal.

Please be aware that in line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the FOI Act, your request will be anonymised and published on our website as part of our disclosure log.

**Please do not reply to this email. This message has been sent from a central mailbox. To communicate with NHS England regarding Freedom of Information (FOI) requests, enquiries or complaints we ask these are sent directly to NHS England's customer contact centre. This is to ensure all communications are progressed correctly. Their postal address, telephone number and email details are as follows: PO Box 16738, Redditch, B97 9PT; 0300 3 11 22 33, [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net).**

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information**

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