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Michelle

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Dear Michelle

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request HPV Vaccination NHS Merseyside cluster consists of Liverpool PCT, NHS Halton & St Helens, NHS Knowsley and NHS Sefton. This response has been provided on behalf of Liverpool PCT

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, would you be so kind as to answer the below questions. Any responses should cover the time period from the initiation of the national HPV vaccination scheme to present.

- 1) Do all girls aged 12 -13 get offered the HPV vaccine at school?  
**Yes**
- 2) a) for girls accepting, do their GPs get notified of their vaccination?  
**Yes, any vaccination undertaken outside of the GP practice is notified electronically weekly to every GP**  
  
b) for girls offered but not accepting the vaccine, do their GPs get notified of their non-vaccination?  
**The school nurse will notify the parents and send a copy to the GP of those children who have consented and have not had the vaccine for whatever reason**

If the answer to 1) is not a complete yes:

- 3) a) Have any schools in the area refused to allow clinicians to administer the HPV vaccine?  
**Yes**  
  
b) If so, which?  
**Christian Fellowship**  
  
c) If the answer to 3a) is yes, what are the reasons provided for this?  
**The school has said parents of the children attending this school will make their own arrangements if and when they choose to have the children vaccinated**  
  
d) What is the policy/process for alternative arrangements for any schools that have opted out?

The nominated school nurse will support in whatever way the school requests for education or health promotion and annually the school nurse takes in HPV leaflets consent forms, a question and answer sheet and a parent information letter containing links to DH websites and advising for further information that parents can contact their GP or practice nurse

e) Please provide a copy of the official notifications, or record of that notification  
HPV information leaflets are sent into school and the school decides if they share this with the students as per direction from the parents

4) a) Have any schools in the area opted out of the HPV vaccine catch up programme at any point?  
Yes

b) If the answer to 4a) is yes, which?  
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We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer, Head of Corporate Governance. This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations you should make a representation for a review to the Head of Corporate Governance, NHS Merseyside, within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Should you need any further clarification or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely



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