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Dear Ms Brook

Freedom of Information Request B231012LC & B231012LCR: Information regarding schools opting out of HPV Vaccination programme and subsequent procedure

Thank you for your request, received by NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland and NHS Leicester City on 23 October 2012, for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please find our response as listed below. For ease of reference your question is in italics with the organisations' response below:

Response from NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland (NHSLCR) and NHS Leicester City (NHSLC):

Please note: Any responses provided within this FOI should cover the time period from the initiation of the national HPV vaccination scheme to present.

Q1: *Do all girls aged 12 -13 get offered the HPV vaccine at school?*

Response to Q1: NHS LC and NHS LCR confirm that girls aged 12-13 years do get offered the HPV vaccine in school.

Q2:

2a) for girls accepting, do their GPs get notified of their vaccination?

Response to Q2: NHS LC and NHS LCR can confirm that for girls accepting the HPV vaccine in the school GPs are then notified of their vaccination.

2b) for girls offered but not accepting the vaccine, do their GPs get notified of their non-vaccination?

Response to Q2b: No, for the girls offered but not accepting the vaccine, GPs are not actively notified but GPs can check patient records via Systm1.

If the answer to Q1) is not a complete yes:

Not applicable.

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Q3:

a) Have any schools in the area refused to allow clinicians to administer the HPV vaccine?

Response to Q3a: NHS LC and NHS LCR confirm that no schools within their regional geographical area have refused to allow clinicians to administer the HPV vaccine.

3b) If so, which?

3c) If the answer to 3a) is yes, what are the reasons provided for this?

3d) What is the policy/process for alternative arrangements for any schools that have opted out?

3e) Please provide a copy of the official notifications, or record of that notification

Response to Q3: Not applicable refer back to the response provided in Q2a and Q2b above.

Q4:

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

Response to Q4: NHS LC and NHS LCR can confirm none of the schools in their regional geographical areas have opted out of the HPV vaccine catch-up programme at any point.

4b) If the answer to 4a) is yes, which?

Response to Q4b: Not applicable

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Yours sincerely

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