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Dear Michelle

**Re: Freedom of Information request – 0178/12 – HPV Vaccination Programme**

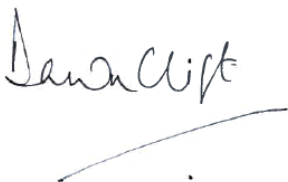
This letter confirms receipt of your request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, requesting information relating to **HPV Vaccination Programme**.

I am pleased to attach our response to your email received on 4 November 2012.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter.

Please be aware that any information we provided following your request under the Freedom of Information Act does not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public sector Information Regulations 2005 [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk).

Kind Regards



**Dawn Clift**  
**Director of Governance & Trust Secretary**

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## HPV Vaccination Programme

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. I am specifically looking for information regarding the geographical area covered by Walsall Teaching Primary Care Trust.

1) Do all girls aged 12 -13 get offered the HPV vaccine at school?

**Invitations are sent out from the school class lists and cross referenced with the Trust Care Plus IT system. Girls are invited up to 3 times by letter - 2 through school and the 3<sup>rd</sup> via post to their parents if a completed consent form is not received back. Often this is then followed up by a phone call to parents.**

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

**Yes – immunisation history is sent out on a weekly basis**

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

**Report sent at the request of the GP and at the end of each school year information is also uploaded on monthly basis to the Exeter system.**

3a) Have any schools in the area refused to allow either clinicians or school nurses to administer the HPV vaccine?

**No**

b) If so, which?

**n/a**

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

**n/a**

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

**n/a**

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

**n/a**

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

**One school has refused to allow us access to deliver any catch up sessions for girls who have missed out due to absence on the scheduled day. They have however agreed the 3 scheduled days for HPV.**

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

**The school refusing the catch up sessions is Barr Beacon School.**

**Any girls attending Barr Beacon who miss any one of the 3 scheduled days are invited to attend a clinic to receive outstanding HPV vaccinations if their parents are willing/able to bring them.**

**The school will not allow any catch up sessions as they prefer minimal disruption to the academic calendar.**