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Dear Ms Brook

Re: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act dated 5th November 2012, I can advise that the Trust **does** hold the information that you are seeking and I have set this out below. I should clarify however that my response does not include information relating to Solihull as this Trust does not provide the service that you refer to in that area.

You asked:

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

All girls in year 8 who attend schools that are identified on the Department of Health's list of eligible schools in Birmingham are offered HPV vaccination.

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

GPs are notified by Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust (BCHC) Information Services of all vaccinations given.

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

GPs are not currently notified of girls that refuse the vaccine.

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

All schools have facilitated access to the HPV vaccination programme.

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

Not applicable

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

No schools have opted out. If any particular school did pursue this it would be addressed on an individual basis.

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

Not Applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Not Applicable

As the information that you have requested has been provided I can confirm that the request is closed.

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Feedback

We would be interested to receive feedback as to how you feel your request has been dealt with to help us to understand where we are doing well and to make improvements where necessary; your comments (whether positive or negative) can be made either in writing to the address above or by email.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Southall
Trust Secretary