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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 Halton & St Helens 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 they do. Girls that are not attending school (e.g. excluded) but are in this age group are followed up by the school health service and in some cases may receive their vaccine at home/in secure children's home.**
- 2) a) for girls accepting, do their GPs get notified of their vaccination?  
**Yes. Reports are sent out from Child Health to GP practices approximately every 6 weeks informing them of vaccines administered to children attached to their practice. This includes HPV.**  
  
b) for girls offered but not accepting the vaccine, do their GPs get notified of their non-vaccination?  
**Not directly. If a parent has consented and the girl declines the vaccine on the day then the parent is informed. If the parent does not give consent then school health will contact them to discuss. GPs can identify those girls that have not had HPV vaccine from the PARIS computer system as the vaccine will show as outstanding if it has not been given.**

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?  
**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

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

No

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

N/A

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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