

Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-660

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Date: 11th February 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 3rd February 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding fertility LGBT policy

UHNM responded this FOI on 11th February 2020 Ref 643-1920 this request is identical. In accordance with Section 14 (2) of the FOI Act, Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 What are your policies on two females seeking fertility?

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: information reasonably accessible by other means. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: ref 643-1920 February 2020

<http://www.uhn.nhs.uk/aboutus/Regulatory-information/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/FOIdisclosurelog/Pages/default.aspx>

Q2 Two men seeking an egg/surrogacy?

A2 Section 14 and 21 exemptions as detailed above

Q3 What guidelines are given to GPs to refer is so can you furnish a copy?

A3 As answer 1 and 2

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

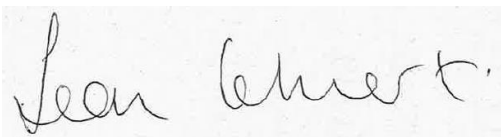
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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