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25th October 2016,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 10th October 2016, with regards to Liverpool Women's Hospital.

Request/**Response**

- 1) What was the process by which this "clinical case for change" was reached? (i.e. surveys, working groups, open meetings; etc)

The Liverpool Women's Hospital believes that there is already sufficient information available in the public domain to answer this question.

Information is available via the Trust website at:

<http://www.liverpoolwomens.nhs.uk/>

Further information is also available via web page links that are contained within those web pages.

- 2) What is the evidence to support this "clinical change for change"?

As above

- 3) What were the names of the "Trust's clinicians, stakeholders and patients" who produced or contributed to this "clinical case for change"?

The Liverpool Women's Hospital must take a balanced view of an individual's right to confidentiality versus the public interest in releasing any information that would identify them. Any individuals that have participated in exercises in preparation of the "clinical case for change" will have done so as part of the various forums and

Consultations that have been held and their contributions are, therefore, already available through that process. To release the names

of the individuals would potentially lead to the individuals being contacted, challenged or publically named. The trust has a legal responsibility to balance confidentiality with public interest, and on this occasion, the Trust has concluded there is no public interest in the names being released. In producing this response the Trust is also not confirming whether the names of the individuals are actually held on any list or register.

4) If the “Trust’s clinicians, stakeholders and patients” who produced or contributed to this “clinical case change” are unwilling or unable to have their names entered into the public domain, please state why?

The Liverpool Women's Hospital has no recorded information on whether the individuals referred to have expressed any opinion on whether they are unwilling or unable to have their names entered into the public domain.

The Freedom of Information deals with only recorded information and, given that there is no recorded information on this issue, then there is no information available for release under the Freedom of Information Act.

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The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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