

**Ref: CCG October 0027 2016**

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8<sup>th</sup> November 2016,

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016, with regards to the equality impact assessment of the women's hospital.

Request/**Response**

My FOI request is for the Equality Impact Assessment, which by law, should have accompanied the decision made in March 2016, as per notes of the NHS Clinical Commissioning Governing Group at their meeting on September 13th. Page 119 states that "A Clinical and Financial case for change for women's and neo-natal services.....was endorsed by Liverpool CCG Governing Body in March 2016.

As you will be aware your statutory legal obligation is to produce an EIA prior to those decisions being endorsed. My FOI request is for the aforementioned EIA.

**The clinical case you refer to in our Board Papers is just that, it sets out why services need to change but does not include any solutions.**

**There have been no decisions made, and there will not be any decisions made until after a formal public consultation has taken place.**

**Below is a link to our March 2016 Governing Body paper, this sets out the case for change and the process we are following:**

<http://www.liverpoolccg.nhs.uk/media/1245/lccg-governing-body-tuesday-8th-march-2016-papers-pack-website-version.pdf>

**NHS Liverpool CCG do not have an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to publish at this point. The EIA will be completed when all the options are known and will be**

**contained in the pre-consultation business case, which will be shared during formal public consultation.**

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

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The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office  
Wycliffe House  
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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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