

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/406
Fertility preservation for Transgender individuals

Information Requested:

I would like to request the following information:

- 1) Does Cardiff and Vale University Health Board offer fertility preservation for transgender individuals on the NHS?
- 2) Is a referral from a General Practitioner sufficient enough for a transgender individual to be considered for fertility preservation on the NHS?
- 3) If a referral from a General Practitioner isn't sufficient enough for transgender individuals to be considered for fertility preservation, then could you provide confirmation that the referral would need to come from the Welsh Gender Service?
- 4) In the case that a referral for fertility preservation for a transgender individual would need to come from the Welsh Gender Service, is it possible for transgender individuals to access fertility preservation privately on the NHS while they are waiting to be seen by the Welsh Gender Service?
- 5) If accessing fertility preservation privately on the NHS is an option, how does an individual access it?
- 6) If accessing fertility preservation privately on the NHS is an option, could you provide confirmation of the cost of preserving fertility of sperm and eggs and the yearly cost of storage for sperm and eggs?
- 7) If accessing fertility preservation privately on the NHS is an option, is it later possible for a transgender individual to no longer need to pay for the private cost once they have been referred to by Welsh Gender Service?
- 8) For how long can sperm and eggs be kept in storage for?
- 9) What is the waiting time to be seen by the NHS for fertility preservation once an individual has been referred?

Response Details:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. Under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that even though this clinic is located in the University Hospital of Wales this service is governed by Swansea Bay University Health Board, please see below for their contact details:

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