

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/364**  
**Shared Care Agreements**

**Information Requested:**

I would like to know:

1. What policies or guidance exist within your organisation on NHS services entering into shared care agreements with private services treating NHS patients and secondary NHS services?
2. What policies or guidance exist specifically with respect to shared care agreements (whether with private services or secondary NHS services) in relation to gender affirming healthcare (e.g. feminising or masculinising HRT, bloods monitoring in relation to HRT, pubertal suppression, gender affirming surgeries such as facial feminising or masculinising surgeries, mastectomy, vaginoplasty, orchiectomy, hysterectomy or phalloplasty)?
3. What changes have been made in relation to these policies/guidance in the last 5 years?
4. What provisions, safeguards or assessments have been put in place to ensure that practice and policies on shared care agreements or any changes in the last 5 years to same do not discriminate on the basis of gender reassignment? Please include any Equality Impact Assessments or internal communications in relation to this.

For the purposes of this request shared care agreements refer to any form of shared care arrangement or agreement as defined on page 3 of [this document](#).

**Response Details:**

1. AWMSG guidance would be followed.
2. There are no Cardiff and Vale University Health Board policies or guidance on NHS services entering into shared care agreements with private services treating NHS patients and secondary NHS services in relation to gender affirming healthcare.
3. As above in point 2.
4. As above in point 2.