

Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information is for a research project examining Disorders of Sex Development in the UK and Malta. The project is being conducted by Dr Fae Garland (University of Manchester) and Dr Mitch Travis (University of Leeds).

We seek information about the evaluation and care given to those with Disorders of Sex Development. In particular, we would like to know more about the number of international referral requests received by your trust from Malta.

We have put together a list of questions, which we would be grateful if you could answer in this order:

- 1) Since 2015, how many children receiving diagnostic tests and/or treatment for DSDs have been referred to this trust from Malta?
- 2) Of these children, how many are government-sponsored patients? How many pay privately?
- 3) Of these referrals, how many have undergone genital surgeries?
- 4) Which specific DSDs have been referred from Malta? (e.g. Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia, Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome, Turners Syndrome). If possible, please list them.
- 5) Are there specific legal or ethical guidelines tailored for Maltese patients?

As a District General Hospital we do not undertake this specialist treatment