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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

Thank you for your request received on 28 June 2021 for the provision of the following information:-

Page 36 of the Scottish Public Health Network Report states that the Sandyford Young Person's Gender Service 'has less of a role with pre-pubertal children who are supported by more local resources; this may include input from local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and the involvement of Third Sector agencies.'

https://www.scotphn.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2018_05_16-HCNA-of-Gender-Identity-Services-1.pdf

Can you please give the names of these third sector agencies?

We are treating your request under our procedures for responding to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The information that we are able to provide in response to your request is given below.

If a referral is received for a child who is pre-pubertal (technically 11 years old or under), one of the Sandyford team will contact them but we will not begin a pathway through the service until they are moving into puberty and still showing signs of gender dysphoria, which some do not.

We will sign-post them to other services if appropriate and they need more support but families are usually reassured by the contact we make with them and are advised to maintain "watchful waiting". Our teams do occasionally refer families to both LGBT Health and Wellbeing and LEAP Sports. To assist you further we are providing links to those sites:

<https://www.lgbthealth.org.uk/>

<https://leapsports.org/>

Our colleagues in the service have suggested that the wording in the 2018 report implies more of a direct referral pathway to third sector organisations than there was then or is now.

If we are advised that the child is distressed then further steps may be taken to assess this, which may include linking with their GP or with CAMHS.

We must emphasize that the numbers in this category are very small so we are able to manage each case on an individual basis.

I hope that this is helpful. If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, you have a right to request a review of this decision within 40 working days of receiving this response. The attached note describes our review procedure. Your request for review must be in permanent form and should state:

- That you are asking for a review of this decision and
- Why you are unhappy with the response you have received.

If you wish us to carry out a review, please complete the form enclosed and return it to the Head of Corporate Governance and Administration, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, Corporate HQ, JB Russell House, Gartnavel Royal Hospital, 1055 Great Western Road, Glasgow G12 0XH or by email to foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

If following a review you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have the right to ask for advice, assistance or to make a formal appeal in writing to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of receiving the outcome of a review. The Commissioner can be contacted at: Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

If following appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner you still remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law against the decision of the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Should you require any clarification about this letter or the right to request a review please contact me at the details at the top of the first page of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Kay Dougans

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Freedom of Information Officer

Standard Enclosures:
FOI Requirement for Review document
Request for Review form