

Ref: 030FOI21.22 – Transgender Healthcare

This request relates to equality and diversity policies in your CCG, particularly in regards to transgender healthcare.

What is your local policy on the following:

1) Equality, diversity and inclusion for staff

Please see attachment 1.

2) Equality, diversity and inclusion for patients

Other than some of our Continuing Healthcare (CHC) team, the CCG is not a patient-facing organisation and so does not have such a policy.

3) Provision of transgender related healthcare for children

The CCG has no specific local policy for the provision of transgender related healthcare for children. The policy is a regional one with the service and prescribing provided through tertiary specialist commissioning.

4) Provision of transgender related healthcare for adolescents

The CCG has no specific local policy for the provision of transgender related healthcare for adolescents. This is a West Yorkshire policy. Transgender healthcare services are provided by Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for people aged 17 and above. More information can be found here: <https://www.leedsandYorkpft.nhs.uk/our-services/gender-identity-service/>

5) Provision of transgender related healthcare for adults

The CCG has no specific local policy for the provision of transgender related healthcare for adults. This is a West Yorkshire policy. Transgender healthcare services are provided by Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for people aged 17 and above. More information can be found here: <https://www.leedsandYorkpft.nhs.uk/our-services/gender-identity-service/>

6) Capacity and consent to treatment for young people

Although the CCG does not have a specific 'capacity and consent to treatment' policy for children, we have added children mental capacity information to the CCG's Mental Capacity Act and Deprivations of Liberty Safeguard Policy in section 6.10. Please see attachment 2.

7) Supplementing NHS care with private care

The CCG does not have a specific local policy in relation to private healthcare. As a standard rule, if a patient goes for a private procedure all care and treatment will be received and thus paid for privately until they are discharged. After the treatment then they will then return to NHS care. NHS care will continue throughout a private procedure as long as it remains separate from such procedure. For example, if a patient pays privately for a hip replacement all care and treatment including prescriptions will be private until they are discharged, but they can still carry on receiving NHS care for their diabetes.

More information can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/common-health-questions/nhs-services-and-treatments/if-i-pay-for-private-treatment-how-will-my-nhs-care-be-affected/>