

NHS Orkney 26 October 2021

Dear Sir/ Madam,

RE: Freedom of Information Request 202122 / 205 – Transgender Identity Policies and Guidance

Your Query	Date of Request	October 2021
Please provide copies of all official policies and/or guidance, whether developed for use by Trust staff or patients, relating to patients with transgender identities including policies and/or guidance regarding accommodation for patients with transgender identities on wards.		
Please also include details of any internal or external groups or organisations which had input into these policies and/or guidance, as well as copies of equality impact assessments for these policies and/or guidance.		
Response		
NHS Orkney does not have any official policies or guidance relating to patients with transgender identities, therefore I must advise that in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, the information sought is not held.		

I hope this helps with your request.

NHS Orkney is a small remote and rural health board within Scotland. All responses to Freedom of Information requests are collated in accordance with the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Under section 20(1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Orkney has dealt with your request, you have a right to ask for a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request.

A request for review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter and NHS Orkney will reply within 20 working days of receipt. Review requests should be sent in writing to Dr Louise Wilson, Director of Public Health, NHS Orkney, The Balfour, Foreland Road, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NZ or by e-mail via ork.foirequests@nhs.scot.

Requests for appeal should be made in writing to: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS. Telephone: 01334 464610, Fax: 01334 464611, Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or on the online appeal portal www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal.

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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

DATE RECEIVED	18/10/2021	SUBJECT	Policies - Transgender		
PASSED TO	Director of Nursing	DATE PASSED	19/10/2021	RESPOND BY	08/11/2021
CATEGORY	Private	FoI NUMBER	2021-301		

Question/s to be Answered

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We do not have any specific policies in regard to placing or accommodating transgender patients on our wards.

Our wards are mixed sex and patients are placed on the surgical or medical unit according to their clinical condition (i.e. reason for admission) and/or infection control status.

In the event that a person who is transgender was admitted to either ward we would endeavour to provide a single room for them.

NHS Western Isles 23 November 2021

Dear Sirs,

Request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Further to your recent enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 18 October 2021 please find our response below. In your request you asked for the following information:

- Q1 Please provide copies of all official policies and/or guidance, whether developed for use by Trust staff or patients, relating to patients with transgender identities including policies and/or guidance regarding accommodation for patients with transgender identities on wards.

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A1 Attached

Please find attached Equality & Human Rights policy which covers all the Protected Characteristics listed in Equality Act 2010. This is an overarching policy of the Organization that covers all equality strands.

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If, following the outcome of a request for review, you are still dissatisfied you have the right to make an application for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or by telephone on 01334 464610 or via the website www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal.