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Clarification provided 14 May:

Please clarify what you are defining as 'shared care arrangements'?

The [All Wales Medicine Strategy Group](#) has defined shared care as follows:

"A simple definition of shared-care would be where a GP supports and prescribes treatment for a patient which was initiated by a specialist. Implicit in a shared care arrangement is that the patient continues to be followed-up in reviews by the specialist."

My request is in relation to any policies covering shared care as defined above and in specific to any such policies that refer specifically to gender affirming healthcare (as defined in my original request) and any changes to or gender reassignment equality measures in relation to same. A shared care agreement would be a formal agreement between a primary care practitioner, such as a GP, and a secondary or external service, whether NHS run or privately operated on how shared care can be provided to a patient.

You asked:

I'm writing under the Freedom of Information Act to information on shared care policies with private practices in your organisation. I would like to know:

1. What policies exist on NHS services within your trust entering into shared care agreements with private services treating NHS patients and secondary NHS services?

CTMUHB does not have any specific policies. The Health Board would follow AWTTTC guidance.

2. What policies 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)?

The Health Board does not have any such shared care agreements.

3. What changes have been made in relation to these policies in the last 5 years?

N/A.

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.

N/A – The Health Board does not have any such shared care agreements.