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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_186_26

You asked:

I am writing to formally request the specific clinical policies, commissioning criteria, and procedural guidance followed by your department and its clinicians when determining the funding and referral pathway for Facial Feminisation Surgery (FFS).

Specifically, please provide the following documentation and information:

1. The Governing Commissioning Policy: The specific numbered policy (e.g., CP21 or similar) that currently defines the commissioning status of FFS and any formal exclusions applied to this procedure.
2. Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Guidance: The specific guidance or Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) provided to clinicians to determine when a patient's "Functional Impairment" (e.g., inability to leave the house, attend appointments, or maintain personal safety) necessitates an IPFR application.
3. The Equality Impact Assessment (EIA): A copy of the mandatory EIA conducted under the Public Sector Equality Duty (Section 149, Equality Act 2010) regarding the decision to categorize FFS as a non-routinely commissioned procedure.
4. Clinical Thresholds for Exceptionality: The objective criteria used to assess "Significant Clinical Benefit" for a patient presenting with documented evidence of a total collapse in daily functioning and safety due to facial gender incongruence.

Our response:

1. The NWJCC does not commission Facial Feminisation Surgery.
2. All Wales IPFR Policy, please see attachment 1.
3. The NWJCC does not commission Facial Feminisation Surgery.
4. The NWJCC does not commission Facial Feminisation Surgery.