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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 7th November 2016.

You asked for information on Circumcision:

We seek information about complications arising from circumcisions between 2008 and 2016. We are aware of seven OPCS codes available for circumcisions (N47X, N481, N482, N486, R33X, Z302 and Z412), as well as an A&E diagnosis code for post-circumcision problems (Urological Problems are categorized under Code 27, with post-circumcision problems registered as 27R). We are interested in the status of patients admitted for post-circumcision problems and the seriousness of harm incurred by the patient. We also wish to know about any monitoring procedures undertaken by the hospital in order to ensure the well-being of circumcised individuals.

I have put together a list of questions, which we would appreciate if you could answer in the following order:

1. How many patients have been admitted to the hospital due to post-circumcision problems between January 1st 2008 and January 1st 2016 (particularly via the A&E, OBS and CDU departments). Please categorize this data by year
2. Of those admitted for post-circumcision problems, what were the diagnosis descriptions, and were any of these admissions capable of being considered life-threatening (such as haemorrhage, shock or infection (including sepsia)). If there is no data on whether a condition may be classified as life-threatening, or it is too speculative, then please just give as much data on the condition as is practical.
3. Is there any procedure at the hospital for monitoring short and long term complications of infant circumcision? We are particularly interested in whether the hospital monitors the likelihood of the development of certain conditions post-circumcision, such as meatal stenosis.

Our Response:

Please note that NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold this level of detail and I would therefore suggest for you to contact the provider organisations, Wirral University Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust and Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, directly. I have included their contact information below:

Wirral University Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust:

Chair – Dr Sue Wells
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Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust:
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