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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

I'm a student nurse at Bangor university and I'm doing a project to help implement change within GP surgeries for transgender patients.

For example, when transgender individuals register at their GP surgeries they often choose to register as their chosen gender not their actual biological sex.

Would this cause issues with getting the correct screening letters?

for example, I am transgender male (female to male) that still has breasts and a cervix. However, I won't get called for a smear (I'm 28 years old) or a breast exam (I know wouldn't now till I'm 50) as I'm registered as a male at my GP surgery. My plan is to have more than one option on GP registration forms for biological sex and what organs one has left if they haven't had parts removed etc and also a option for what gender they want on letters or on the screen when they get called in for a appointment in their GP surgery. Hopefully, this makes sense. Has anything been implemented for this in wales?

Update:

Thank you for your recent request for information from Public Health Wales. As you are no doubt aware, Public Health Wales is currently experiencing a significant increase in workload due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Currently, staff responsibilities and day to day duties have been diverted to support the management of the pandemic.

As a result, we have very limited staff available to respond to your request, meaning we may not be able to provide the information within the normal regulatory timescales as determined by the Information Commissioner's Office.

We will endeavour to provide you with the information as soon as possible, but it is likely that there will be a delay as our efforts in dealing with the current situation has to be our first priority.

Please accept our sincere apologies and many thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

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