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Dear Sirs

Your Request for Information

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 25 November 2020 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

- How many LGBTQ+ couple have sought IVF through the NHS in the last 10 years?
- Please break this down by couples which are m/m, f/f/ trans and non binary
- How many LGBTQ+ couples have been through IVF in the last 10 years?
- Please break this down by couples which are m/m, f/f, trans and non binary

Response

I can confirm NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold the information you have requested.

The Vale of York CCG has determined that the commissioning data that we hold does not contain information pertaining to sexual orientation and/or gender identity. It is most likely that this information would be recorded in medical notes held by NHS providers, and is not usually information that a commissioning organisation would have access to, as it does not affect the cost of such healthcare activity.

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If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can then write to the Information Commissioner:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline telephone: 01625 545 745

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further assistance. You can find out more information about our Clinical Commissioning Group by visiting our website www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group