

Ref: FOI092024-0001124 - **APPEAL**

Date: 29 October 2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Appeal to Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your email dated 17 October 2024 and your request to review our response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For reference, please see the following details of your original request and our initial response sent to you on 16 October 2024.

Request

Please could you provide copies of all policies/procedures/protocols relating to c-sections and sterilisations.

Response

Please find attached copies of policies, procedures and protocols relating to c-sections and sterilisations. Documents provided listed below -

Birth Choices After Caesarean Section
Elective Caesarean Section Guideline
Emergency Caesarean Section Guidelines
Enhanced Recovery Following Elective Caesarean Section
High Risk Woman in Labour Guidelines
Low Risk Labour Guideline

On 17 October 2024, you advised you would like to appeal our initial response;

I would like a copy of the procedure of the operation. I had my uterus exteriorized during my sterilisation during a c section. I have found no information support that this is actually the procedure. I was not informed that this would happen. I know that there were medical students in the operation theatre the reason my uterus was exteriorized was for better visualization .

I have found that exteriorizing the uterus is not advisable.

Can you please find the information for the actual procedure. I will not take the work of one consultant. I didn't consent to having my uterus extriorized and I am now suffering from long term abdominal pain due to this

Appeal Review

I have now carried out a review to the handling of your request and I can confirm that the Trust upholds its response. We have provided all the information we **hold** to answer your request and we have nothing further to provide.

However, I do note in the contents of your appeal you have communicated details of your concerns around the treatment you have received at the Trust which we are sorry to hear about. We therefore suggest you should contact our complaints team to log these concerns and a full investigation can be carried out into the care you received. Details of how to contact our complaints team can be found on our website using the following link - [Advice, complaints and compliments - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at;

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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