05 October 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1124/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request:

1. a. What activities has your local authority undertaken to promote cervical screening and increase uptake over the last year, August 2016 to August 2017?

   Answer: Every year the Health Protection Annual Report is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board to provide an update on the latest cervical screening performance and provide awareness for all screening programmes. NHS England commission this service therefore they will lead any activities to increase uptake.

b. What were the outcomes of those activities? For example, greater awareness, increased screening coverage.

   Answer: NHS England commission the cervical screening service therefore they will lead any activities to increase uptake and subsequently will have any information on outcomes of these activities.

c. Have local targets been set to improve cervical screening coverage?

   Answer: No

d. Does your local authority public health team have a budget to promote uptake of cervical screening?

   Answer: No

2. a. Is your public health team aware of the report published by Jo’s Cervical Cancer Trust in January 2017, ‘Cervical Screening in the Spotlight: an audit of activities undertaken by local authorities and clinical commissioning groups to increase cervical screening coverage in England’?

   i. No (please delete as appropriate)
b. If yes, have any additional activities to improve cervical screening coverage been undertaken or planned as a result of the ‘Cervical Screening in the Spotlight’ report?

   Answer: Not Applicable.

3. Are women able to attend cervical screening at the sexual health services in your local authority area?

   Answer: NHS England has commissioned cervical screening services from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Sexual Health Services. Details of the level of available services will need to be requested from NHS England.

4. Have you undertaken any work with local schools or other partners to increase uptake of the HPV vaccine?

   Answer: Yes. NHS England commission the cervical screening service therefore they will lead any activities to increase uptake. Public health input has been through communications to schools via an email distribution list to raise awareness of the vaccination programme.

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