

Freedom of Information Request Reference

- **Request relates to Day Care facilities, care in client's homes, non-acute hospitals and stat residential homes.**
 - 1. the total number of patients who requested they receive personal care from a care assistant or nurse of the same gender**
 - 2. list all Trust settings where patients can refuse personal care from a staff member of the opposite sex**
 - 3. If a male staff member in the settings of physical disability is providing care to a female patient are they allowed to provide personal care?**
 - 4. If a female staff member in the settings of physical disability is providing care to a male patient are they allowed to provide personal care?**
 - 5. all policies in relation to questions 1-4**

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust do not record this information and do not have any policies specific to the information requested as there are no regulations concerning gender when it comes to providing quality care to both male and female clients. Our recruitment process and ongoing professional supervision ensures that all of our staff have the qualifications, skills and experience necessary for the work they are doing. We are committed to ensuring that people are treated with respect, involved in discussions about their care and can make decisions about the care they receive. Suitable arrangements are in place to ensure that people give consent for care and their human rights are respected and taken into account.