

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please can you help with my questions.

I recently received a Flu vaccination consent form from my daughters school (Chelmsford County High School for Girls).

One of the questions asked for Gender?

The options to answer were Male, Female and Other.

1. Firstly, please can you confirm if you are gathering information for the (Biological) sex of the child or for the Gender identity of the child?

[Gender is at birth for this purpose \(biological\).](#)

2. Secondly please can you let me know what reason you have for asking for this information in this form?

[The current app is required to gain consent from parents for the Flu Vaccination. Gender is not specifically required for the flu campaign, but we are required by NHS England to collect gender for the year for the Human papillomavirus \(HPV\) campaign which is what the electronic consent app has been modelled on for configuration. Currently our existing app does not support the ability to remove this for the Flu vaccination. We are currently working with the system developers to rectify this.](#)

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