

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/043

Subject: Same-sex Personal Care

*I can confirm that the ICB **does not hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Please could you tell me whether you implement a 'same-sex' personal care policy for your social care service users? Or if you have moved to a 'gender based' policy?</p> <p>Does this policy apply to social care users who receive CHC funding provided by you, as well as those who receive council funded social care?</p> <p>Please provide proof of your policy.</p> <p>Do you instruct all care agencies in the area to comply with your policy or are each able to implement their own policy?</p>	<p>Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB) does not have a policy in relation to either 'same sex' or 'gender based' personal care. For NHS Continuing Healthcare service users decisions around who provides personal care are made between service users and care providers directly.</p> <p>The ICB has no role in commissioning social care, this is a Local Authority function.</p> <p>Contact details for the Local Authorities in the BNSSG area can be found below:</p> <p>Bristol City Council - https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi</p> <p>North Somerset Council - https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/about-freedom-information-foi</p>



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	South Gloucestershire Council - https://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/making-a-freedom-of-information-request/
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 2 September 2022 and has been approved for release by Rosi Shepherd, Director of Nursing and Quality for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.