

## **Patients right to see male psychologist**

### **Request**

Does a service user have the right to see a male psychologist if they need/ask for one.

### **Response**

Whilst the Trust does not have a specific policy which states a service user/patient has the right to choose gender-specific staff, there is a statement in Section 7 of the Chaperone Policy (attached) that states 'a chaperone should be of the same sex as the patient'. A patient/service user's preference for a same sex Psychologist would be taken into account wherever possible and where this is not possible, the clinician would discuss this with the patient/service user and, if appropriate, offer referral to a different service.