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Dear Ms Marshall

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding assisted conception services within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

- 1. Any information regarding NHS Southport and Formby CCG's approach to patient eligibility for assisted conception services, in cases where:
 - Under normal circumstances, there exists an upper age limit for access to assisted conception services
 - Delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in (or may result in) patients exceeding that limit.

NHS Southport and Formby CCG are treating patients who would otherwise have been eligible under existing CCG criteria, but who have gone over age criteria through no fault of their own, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In addition the upper age limit is being increased for one year until the end of this financial year.

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