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Dear colleagues,

## **Sullivan review: process change for re-assigning gender and sex identity in medical records**

An [independent review published by Professor Alice Sullivan that looked at data, statistics and research on sex and gender](#) has identified a serious safeguarding risk in the current process of re-assigning gender and sex identity in medical records for children and young people.

All healthcare professionals should be aware that in response to the review, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has directed that the process for changing NHS numbers and gender markers for children and young people under 18 is stopped with immediate effect.

Any queries about the above should be directed to the [NHS England Contact Centre](#).

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