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**Supporting Children and Young People**

**Questioning their Gender**

A free multiagency lunch and learn suitable for any health, social care, education or police colleagues who have an interest in this area. Delivered by:

**Dr Joanne Nicholl, Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children**

**Lee Reed, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead Officer**

**NHS Somerset**

Topics to be covered:

* Terminology and using the correct language
* The changing patterns of children affected
* The specialist service and its recent closure
* Drug therapies, the risks and benefits and how clinicians can manage requests
* An overview of the surgical options for adults
* How to work therapeutically with children and their families
* Safeguarding issues
* What we can do whilst we wait for the new services to start up and the support available
* Social transitioning
* The Cass Review

And importantly, we will hear the views of children and young people

Online (Teams) meeting between 12.30 pm and 14.00 pm on the following dates:

**Thursday 23 May 🞟 Tuesday 11 June 🞟 Thursday 27 June**

The same session will be repeated each time to give everyone the opportunity to attend.

To book your place please contact [somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net](mailto:somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net) and advise us of your current role, employer and which session you would like to attend.