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NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding FGM

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Please provide the following for the last five years, from Jan 1 2019 until December 31 2023.

Please break each of the following down by year (i.e. January 1 2023-December 31 2023; January 1 2022- December 31 2022, etc), and only include each case once (i.e. not the number of occasions one individual attempts to access services):

How many cases or suspected cases of FGM have been identified?

How many of these cases were identified of children under 18?

Of the cases identified in children under 18, how many cases were referred to the police?

Of all the cases recorded, how many cases were referred to the police?

Of the cases identified, how many individuals requested reconstructive surgery via the NHS? Please include the type of reconstructive surgery.

How many of these individuals underwent reconstructive surgery via the NHS? Please include the type of reconstructive surgery.



Where this data is recorded, please provide the number of individuals who underwent reconstructive surgery out of the NHS.

How many of the people identified as victims of, or likely victims of, FGM were referred to psychological or mental health support services?

How many people were referred to specialist FGM support clinics?

Again, please provide all the above for the last 5 years (from Jan 1 2019-Dec 31 2023), broken down by each year.

Please provide your response in a spreadsheet. A csv file, excel or GSheet is acceptable. Please do not supply this information in pdf format.

Please provide this information using the following format:

Year	No. of FGM cases identified	Cases under 18	Cases under 18 referred to police	All cases referred to police	No. of reconstructive surgery requests via NHS		No. of surgeries completed within NHS		No. of surgeries completed outside of NHS		No. referred to psychological or mental health support	No. referred to specialist FGM support services
					Defibulation	Clitoral reconstruction	Defibulation	Clitoral reconstruction	Defibulation	Clitoral Reconstruction		
2019	E.g. 100	E.g. 5	E.g. 2	E.g. 20	E.g. 20	E.g. 10	E.g. 10	E.g. 0	e.g. 10	e.g. 20	E.g. 50	E.g. 50
2020												
2021												
2022												
2023												
TOTAL												

A1 See below: data for maternity service only

We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. Personal information. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5

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2019	E.g. 100	E.g. 5	E.g. 2	E.g. 20	E.g. 20	E.g. 10	E.g. 10	E.g. 0	e.g. 10	e.g. 20	E.g. 50	E.g. 50
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	<5				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	<5				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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