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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

Please provide the total numbers of cases of proposed 'forced' a) contraception b) sterilisation c) abortion in the five previous calendar years (01/01/14 to 31/12/18) arising from your NHS Trust?

(Reason for request: Following the recent 'forced abortion' case that reached the news, the Department of Health was asked by several MPs if the practice was common and if it occurred elsewhere. However, they responded that they did not have that information; it is not collected centrally. I am therefore checking each NHS Trust accordingly and avoiding this year to maintain the anonymity of those involved in the recent case.

***'Proposed' -the NHS Trust has applied to a court for this action to occur
'Forced' -against the stated wishes of the patient.)***

We have had no cases at the Trust for the period of time requested.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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