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Response Due: 3rd July 2025

Date: 9th June 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 5th June 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I wish to make a freedom of information request and would be grateful if you could provide the following information within 20 working days:

- a) The number of staff employed at your Trust's sexual assault referral centre (SARC) for the years 2010 2024.
- b) The number of children aged under 18 years old who have been received support by your Trust's SARC between the years 2010 2024 and, if possible, the number of these who are identified as having been victims of gang-based CSE.
- c) The number of victims of CSE who received mental health support from your trust between 2018 and 2024.
- d) The number of children identified by your Trust as requiring safeguarding measures as a result of CSE between the years 2010 and 2024.

The Sexual Assault Referral Centre is based at St Mary's Hospital Manchester, which comes under Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust. Therefore, please redirect your questions to them at foi@mft.nhs.uk

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

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PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111