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Date Received: 11th January 2024

Response Due: 8th February 2024

Date: 31st January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 11th January 2024, 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:

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 see attached.

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,



Ehsan Haqqani Associate Director of Governance & Patient Safety

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