

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-134**

8 March 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we hold some of the information you are requesting

**1. How many patients have come into your care with Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) that was noticed and/or attended to, between January 2014-February 2024 calendar years?**

**Please see the table below. Please note that we can only provide data from 2016.**

Year	Number of patients
2016	304
2017	387
2018	425
2019	489
2020	434
2021	491
2022	409
2024	55

**NOTE: Please specify if the data is relating to a physical or mental health concern and please make sure to list the physical and mental health concerns separately.**

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**2. Between January 2014 to February 2024: how much has the trust spent (or how much has it cost) for the following things relating to FGM, where relevant:**

**2a) corrective FGM (whatever actions need to be taken to correct or improve the damage caused by FGM)**

**2b) surgery**

**2c) procedures (non-surgical)**

**2d) appointments for mental health – counselling, therapy, group therapy etc. This includes mental health trusts dealing with any form of secondary treatment for FGM as I appreciate acute trusts would look after primary physical care.**

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**3. How many FGM-related deaths has your trust seen between January 2014- February 2024? Please specify how if FGM was a primary or secondary cause of death.**

We do not hold this information.

**For each of these 3 questions and the sub-sections, could you provide the data in calendar year and could you split the data by month and year (e.g. January 2014, February 2014).**

**Please provide all of this data in a machine readable format, ideally CSV and provide answers to each question in a separate tab (in this case 3 tabs).**

**To stress, my questions require answers covering all ages.**

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be

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Yours sincerely

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