

FOI REF: 21/305

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**For each of the years 2010 and 2020, how many investigations under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 involved any of these terms in the referral:**

### 1. **Fabricated or Induced Illness or FII**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) did not keep data in 2010, this would have been held within individual case notes.

There were zero children in 2020.

Please note that whilst it is good practice to include the ESHT Safeguarding team in Section 47 enquiries pertaining to fabricated illness, this does not always occur. Health representation within section 47 inquiries can take many forms and may not always sit with ESHT. Therefore accurate data pertaining to the number of section 47 within these criteria would sit with Children's Social Care.

Please contact East Sussex County Council's Children's Social Care, via the following link, for further information:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/keydocuments/foi/request/submit/>

### 2. **Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy or MSbP**

This is the historical term for the condition referred to in question 1.

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**3. Perplexing Presentation or PP**

Following the quarterly PP meetings one child in 2020 was referred to Children's Social care.

**4. Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another or FDloA**

Please see the response to question 1.

**5. Snomed Code System Concept Code: 95637005**

None.

**How many of those investigations led to a child protection plan, and how many resulted in no further action being taken?**

Please see responses to question 1 - 5.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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