

FOI REF: 23/011

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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:

- 1. If you treat Bardet-biedle Syndrome, how many unique patients have you treated in the last 12 months?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not treat patients with Bardet-biedle Syndrome, unless they need cataract surgery.

- 2. What % of these patients get a genetic diagnosis prior to them being referred onto specialist centres?**

The Trust would not carry out genetic testing locally, but would refer Bardet-biedle patients to Moorfields Eye Hospital for genetic testing.

- 3. If you do not treat Bardet-biedle Syndrome, could I request where these patients are referred to?**

Ophthalmology patients are referred to Moorfields Eye Hospital for Genetic testing.

We do not hold any further information in respect of Barden-biedle Syndrome. This information may be held by the Local Integrated Care Board (ICB) who are Sussex Health and Care Integrated Care System (ICS). Would you therefore please contact them direct for a response to your request, contact details as follows:

Email: sxicb.foi1@nhs.net

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

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Yours sincerely

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