

FOI REF: 24/119

8th March 2024

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:

I would like to request the following information from your Trust – acute, mental health, or otherwise:

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?**

- **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 see the attached document.](#)

Please note that East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust is an acute Trust and does not provide a Mental Health Service. This service is provided by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who are the Mental Health Trust for this area, their Freedom of Information email address is:

foi@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk

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:**

- a) **Corrective FGM (whatever actions need to be taken to correct or improve the damage caused by FGM).**

[The Trust does not undertake corrective/reconstructive surgery for this condition.](#)

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b) Surgery.

The Trust does not undertake corrective/reconstructive surgery for this condition.

c) Procedures (non-surgical).

None.

d) 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.

Not applicable, please refer to note in question 1.

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.

None.

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
esh-tr.foi@nhs.net

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The data below is based on patients where 'Z917 – Personal History of Female Genital Mutilation' is present as a diagnosis code for their inpatient stay.

Year	Month												Grand Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2016				1			1			1	1	1	4
2017				2			1			2	1		5
2018	1		2		3	3	1	3	2	1	1	1	14
2019	1				1	1		1					4
2020	2	2		1	1	2				1	1	1	9
2021		1			1	1	1					2	6
2022	2	1		1	1		2		1	2		1	11
2023		1	1			1		1		2	4	1	11
2024	2												2

Points to note: -

- 12 patients appear more than once in the overall time period, in separate years
- The data relates to the physical observance of FGM in a patient
- The Z91.7 coding could relate to a current or historic event.
- The Trust does not undertake corrective/reconstructive surgery for this condition