

FOI REF: 24/034

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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:

- **Please provide the following for the last five years, from Jan 1 2019 until December 31 2023.**
- **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):**
  - 1) **How many cases or suspected cases of FGM have been identified?**

[Please see attached document.](#)
  - 2) **How many of these cases were identified of children under 18?**

[Please see attached document.](#)
  - 3) **Of the cases identified in children under 18, how many cases were referred to the police?**

[Not applicable.](#)
  - 4) **Of all the cases recorded, how many cases were referred to the police?**

[None, please refer to question 8.](#)
  - 5) **Of the cases identified, how many individuals requested reconstructive surgery via the NHS? Please include the type of reconstructive surgery.**

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not carry out reconstructive surgery within our Trust for FGM.](#)

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- 6) **How many of these individuals underwent reconstructive surgery via the NHS? Please include the type of reconstructive surgery.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not carry out reconstructive surgery within our Trust for FGM.

- 7) **Where this data is recorded, please provide the number of individuals who underwent reconstructive surgery out of the NHS.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not carry out reconstructive surgery within our Trust for FGM.

- 8) **How many of the people identified as victims of, or likely victims of, FGM were referred to psychological or mental health support services?**

These are historic cases where the harm has often occurred in infancy or childhood. None have been referred to the Police locally and we are not aware of referrals to specific psychological services or FGM clinics but do not hold this information.

- 9) **How many people were referred to specialist FGM support clinics?**

Please see 8 above.

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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