

FOI REF: 24/903

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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) Please can you provide me with all data from January 2013 to the present relating to adverse outcomes from circumcision of infant boys (aged 0-1) whether at hospital or off-site.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a circumcision service to infant boys under the age of 5, these patients are referred to University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust. Please contact them direct, via the following link, for a response to your request:

[Make a request - University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust](#)

- a) This data to include as a minimum the total number of infant circumcisions performed within the trust's catchment area, all attendances to the Emergency Department and/or admissions to paediatric or general Intensive Care Unit as a result of circumcision, including but not limited to death, coma, life threatening haemorrhage, shock, sepsis, amputation etc.**

Not applicable.

- b) Data should also include any adverse outcomes which are not life-threatening but are unintended consequences, including but not limited to partial degloving, partial amputation, damage to the scrotum/groin/surrounding tissues, nerve damage, penile adhesions etc.**

Not applicable.

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- c) **This data should further be broken down by year, by hospital/GP/other medical institution and whether the operation was performed in-house or off-site/in a private location.**

Not applicable.

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](mailto: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  
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Yours sincerely

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