

FOI REF: 25/367

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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. The number of referrals made by your NHS Trust to other authorities - such as the police or social services - when there was a suspicion that a child is a victim of exploitation (sexual, criminal, gang-based grooming) for the years 2010 (or earliest available year of data) - 2024 inclusive.**

The children will present for other reasons such as injury or self-harm and exploitation is not always explicit.

2017	3
2018	6
2019	1
2020	6
2021	5
2022	4
2023	6
2024	5

We do not hold data prior to 2017.

- 2. The number of risks assessments conducted on children where there was concern that they had been the victim of child sexual exploitation (using the same timeframe as above).**

The trust submit referrals to the relevant partner agencies but do not undertake formal risk assessments.

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3. Details of your NHS Trusts' CSE safeguarding arrangements, including work in multi-agency partnerships.

The trust hosts a weekly risk meeting as which children who have presented to the wards or Emergency Dept are scrutinised and referrals if not undertaken sooner are actioned.

In 2017-2018 there was a one year post for a CSE Nurse. Since this ended work is covered by the Safeguarding team who liaise with partner agencies. The multi-agency forum to discuss at risk children is known as safer and the trust participates in both the operational and strategic meetings.

4. The number of staff employed by your NHS Trust who have received training on CSE.

CSE is covered in the level 3 safeguarding training, currently 64% of staff are compliant with this training.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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