

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_65_17

You asked:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request about Female Genital Mutilation.

I would like figures for the following for Cwm Taf University Health Board:

1) How many women who have presented with FGM have come into contact with maternity staff in 2015?

I can confirm that less than 5* women who presented with FGM were booked in with maternity staff in 2015.

2) How many women who have presented with FGM have come into contact with maternity staff in 2016?

I can confirm that less than 5* women who presented with FGM were booked in with maternity staff in 2016.

3) How many safeguarding cases for children under 18 relating to FGM have come to the Health Board's attention in 2015?

Zero cases in 2015.

4) How many safeguarding cases for children under 18 relating to FGM have come to the Health Board's attention in 2016?

I can confirm that less than 5* safeguarding cases for children under 18 relating to FGM have come to the Health Board's attention in 2016.

* Please note exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved. This is due to the potential risk of identification if we released the number of patients for the specific year with this condition, which might then be linked with other information available in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles set out in Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and does not require the Health Board to consider the public interest test.