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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_530_24

You asked:

Can you please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. How many cases of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) were identified during the following periods?

- a. 2019/20
- b. 2020/21
- c. 2021/22
- d. 2022/23
- e. 2023/24-present

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested would mean disclosure of low numbers. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, we can confirm that since 2019 up until 2024 (to date) there have been 11 FGM cases recorded.

2. How many cases of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) were identified in under 18s during the following periods?

- a. 2019/20
- b. 2020/21
- c. 2021/22
- d. 2022/23
- e. 2023/24-present

Zero identified under 18.

3. How many children under the age of 18 did health workers identify as vulnerable to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and report to social services and/or the police?

- a. 2019/20
- b. 2020/21

- c. 2021/22
- d. 2022/23
- e. 2023/24-present

We do not have a record of any child under the age of 18 years being identified as vulnerable to FGM.

4. For the identified cases, how many of them were from those born outside the UK (and not in established British-African/Asian/Middle Eastern communities)?

- a. 2019/20
- b. 2020/21
- c. 2021/22
- d. 2022/23
- e. 2023/24-present

We do not routinely capture this information.