

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.065.24

7 November 2024

Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information, which was received on 22 October 2024, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does hold the information that you require. For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

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?

- 2019/20
- 2020/21
- 2021/22
- 2022/23
- 2023/24-present

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

- 2019/20
- 2020/21
- 2021/22
- 2022/23
- 2023/24-present

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?

- 2019/20
- 2020/21

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

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

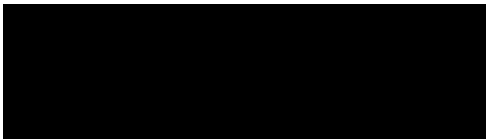
Powys Response:

Q1 – Q4. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is unable to provide these exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). PTHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of UK 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.

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via powysfoi.foi@wales.nhs.uk

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 0330 414 6421.

Yours sincerely



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.