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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 42249 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Female Genital Mutilation

Your request is set out below:

1. How many patients have come into your (collective) hospitals with Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) that was noticed and/or attended to, between January 2014-February 2024 calendar years? Please specify if the data is relating to a physical or mental health concern and please make sure to list the physical and mental health concerns separately.

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2. Between January 2014 to February 2024: how much has the trust spent (or how much has it cost) for the following things relating to FGM:

2a) corrective FGM (whatever actions need to be taken to correct or improve the damage caused by FGM)

N/A

2b) surgery

N/A

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2c) procedures (non-surgical)

N/A

2d) appointments for mental health – counselling, therapy, group therapy etc. This includes secondary treatment for mental health, as I appreciate acute trusts would look after primary physical care.

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3. How many FGM-related deaths has your trust seen between January 2014- February 2024? Please specify how if FGM was a primary or secondary cause of death.

None

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department