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NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 49834 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Referrals made by your NHS Trust to other authorities - when there was a suspicion that a child is a victim of exploitation

Your request is set out below:

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.

All information relating to referrals sent to other authorities is not routinely collected outside normal record keeping of a clinical record. The requested information is not held centrally and is contained within the individual clinical records and archive systems which cannot be extracted as a standalone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review clinical records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

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).

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

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

The Local Safeguarding Children Multi Agency Partnerships (Kent and Medway) utilise the Child sexual exploitation: definition and guide for practitioners - GOV.UK guidance. KMPT contribute to the partnership's arrangements, including a CSE champion allocated to the partnership to support with learning and sharing of updates. The KMPT Child and Young Person Policy reflects the government and local guidance.

Operation Willow is also run in Kent and Medway area which is an awareness campaign around CSE.

Operation Willow -

- **targets public locations such as hotels, pubs and taxi firms in an appeal for information on suspicious activities that may be linked to CSE**
- **reaches out to victims of CSE and their friends and family, asking for help to end CSE.**

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

CSE is part of the statutory content of safeguarding training our compliance rate is currently 97%.

Meaning 3637 members of our staff having received training in line with statutory guidance.

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