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**Our reference: FOI DA6280**

I am responding to your request for information received 30 September 2025. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
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Wilmslow  
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**Request:**

**Question 1:** In the financial years 2020/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24, 24/25, how many patients presented with female genital mutilation and/or symptoms related to female genital mutilation?

**Answer:** Please see table below

Financial Year	Number of patients presenting with female genital mutilation and/or symptoms related to female genital mutilation		
	Adult	Child	Total
2020/21	5	0	5
2021/22	7	0	7
2022/23	1	1	2
2023/24	0	0	0
2024/25	0	0	0
Total	13	1	14

**Question 2:** Of these, how many developed serious and/or lifelong conditions as a result

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

*(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.*

In order to provide the information requested, it would be necessary to access patient records as the information is not held in a searchable format. There is no legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information request. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 3:** Of these, how many passed away from complications relating to FGM (for example, septic shock)?

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