

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/336

FGM

Request details

1. Number of Female Genital Mutilation Cases (FGM) from 2009 - 2020 for South Wales Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff?

Please see below. The data is collected from October 2016 onwards only. These are individual cases of FGM, if previously recorded they are not re-recorded.

Year	Number of FGM victims identified.
2016 (October to December only)	40
2017	216
2018	182
2019	134
2020 (January to June only)	52

2. Please can you split them into ages?

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour. However, to comply with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, the UHB can provide the below:

Year	Number of child victims	Number of adult victims
2016 (October to December only)	0	40
2017	8	208
2018	6	176
2019	11	123
2020 (January to June only)	0	52

3. How many have been reported to The Police or Social Services and areas

Year	Number of FGM victims identified and referral made to either police or social services
2016 (October to December only)	17
2017	91
2018	123
2019	127
2020 (January to August only)	65

4. Do you routinely report these crimes to the Police Social Services/ are you obliged to?

As part of the Wales safeguarding procedures the UHB are required to complete a MARF (multi-agency referral form) for any female children whose Mother is a victim of FGM, or any family members state they believe in the practice of FGM. We are also required to report any children who are victims of FGM, to social services but also to the police, under the mandatory reporting duty in the Serious Crimes Act (2015). The UHB do not have to report adult victims to the police unless we believe FGM is going to be performed on them again (i.e. re-infibulation post birth).

5. Please can you advise how many nursing staff have been called as witnesses to Police Prosecutions?

As of September 2020, no nursing or midwifery staff have been called as witnesses to police prosecutions in the UHB.