

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/111
FGM Clinic

Information Requested:

- 1. From when the FGM clinic in Cardiff opened, in May 2018. How many women have gone there every year since it opened. This can be done as May 2018 – to 31st December 2018 – or it can be done on a financial year basis.**

Please see the below table.

- 2. what are the age groups of the women/girls who went there – per year.**

FGM Referrals to women's wellbeing clinic

May-Dec 2018	2019	2020	2021
109	116	106	102
Age 17 - 40	Age 18 – 40	Age 19 - 36	Age 16 – 37

- 3. What treatment did they receive – i.e. counselling, corrective surgery, community advocacy support.**

In 2018 and 2019 all women were offered Psychosexual counselling at the women's wellbeing clinic, funding for this service ceased in 2019. In 2020 and 2021 the clinic has referred women to 3rd sector agencies for support such as BAWSO, OASIS, the Birth partner project, the Orchid project, Red cross, Welsh refugee council and Trinity church. Future plans are in place to offer psychological support to prepare for birth at the women's wellbeing clinic.

Women with type 3 FGM or complex type 2 who are pregnant will be referred to the specialist obstetrician and offered de-infibulation in the maternity unit prior to the third trimester. Women who are not pregnant that are displaying any ongoing symptoms in relation to FGM are referred to a specialist gynaecologist within University Hospital Wales.

- 4. How many days was the clinic closed due to the pandemic. It is meant to be open every Wednesday.**

The Women's wellbeing clinic has remained open throughout the pandemic, if the clinic has been unattended due to sickness or annual leave, all women have been contacted and an appointment rearranged for them to attend. The specialist midwife is contracted for 18.75 hours per week dedicated to this service.



5. In total how many women have been helped by the service?

All women who attend women's wellbeing clinic are offered further support from third sector agencies listed above. In 2018-2019 they were additionally offered psychosexual counselling until funding ceased.

6. How many visits have been recorded since it opened? Can this be broken down annually?

Please see question 2.

