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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/01/16.

You requested the following information:

- 1) How many females have you treated in connection to/relating to/as a result of FGM/C (female genital mutilation or cutting) practices?**
- 2) Please can you break your answer down by financial years:**
  - 2015/16
  - 2014/15
  - 2013/14
- 3) Can you also break down and categorise the numbers by “reason for treatment”? So for example, i. bleeding ii. Infection**
- 4) Can you break down and categorise the numbers by what the treatment was? So for example, i. amputation ii. cosmetic surgery**
- 5) Can you break down and categorise the numbers by the females’ ages? Ideally in these age brackets: i. 0 – 9 ii. 10 – 18 iii. 19 – 27 (and continue by nine-year age brackets)**

We have checked our records for the requested period and we are not able to identify emergency responses to patients where the words ‘female genital mutilation’ or ‘FGM’ were recorded in the summary comments of the triage for a 999 call.

It may be that the call may have been categorised under ‘trauma’ or ‘bleeding’ but unfortunately we cannot provide this information on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve the information would necessitate manually searching through each record under the above categories to see if there was any mention of female genital mutilation or FGM. This would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours as set down in the guidance on the application of the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees).

I hope you find this information useful.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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