

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Female Genital Mutilation.

Question:

- The number of women who received treatment for Female Genital Mutilation in each calendar year 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to 30 June.
- The number of women who received deinfibulation surgery to treat Female Genital Mutilation in each calendar year 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to 30 June.
 - After clarification – assessment.

Answer:

| Year | Assessment | Surgery |
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| 2019 | 61 | None who booked in 2019 had surgery 5< who booked in 2018 but delivered in 2019 had surgery |
| 2020 | 50 | None who booked in 2019 had surgery |
| 2021 | 56 | 5< who booked in 2021 had surgery |
| 2022 | 47 | 5< who booked in 2022 had surgery |
| 2023 | 73 | 5< who booked in 2023 had surgery |
| 2024 | 65 | None done |
| 2025 | 92 | 5< of those booked in 2025 <u>and have delivered</u> has had surgery |

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

I hope the information provided helps with your request.



If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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