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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Genitals.

You asked:

I would like this information broken down ANNUALLY for the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

- 1) How many hymen replacement operations were carried out females aged 18 and under. Please break this down by annual year and if possible state the age, religion and ethnicity of the patients.*
- 2) How many females aged 18 and under have had labiaplasty operations or any other procedures that enhance/improve/ alter the appearance of their genitals. This should include any region surrounding the woman's labia and vagina. Please break this down by annual year and if possible state the age, religion and ethnicity of the patients.*
- 3) How many males aged 18 and under have had operations to improve/ enhance/ alter the appearance of their penis/ genitals and/or the area surrounding them. Please break this down by annual year and if possible state the age, religion and ethnicity of the patients.*

The Trust requested the following clarification -

I have been asked to contact you by our Coding department as they are having difficulty in getting the codes needed to answer your request.

We code what is done and not what is intended, and we have no way of showing that a procedure is purely to make something look better.

Can you please be more specific about which procedures you are asking about? For example we can find the code for Hymen repair and for labiaplasty

but would not be able to tell if these procedures were carried out purely for appearance.

Can you please let me know how you would like us to proceed?

We received the following clarification -

1. Hymen repair, 2. Labiaplasty and 3. Penis enlargement

Trust response:

1. Less than 5. Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has decided that further information be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998. The Trust is not able to tell if these procedures were carried out purely for appearance.

2. Less than 5. Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has decided that further information be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998. The Trust is not able to tell if these procedures were carried out purely for appearance.

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