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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 3 September 2013 by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act I am writing to obtain information relating to the number of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) cases that Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG has come into contact with. To clarify, our definition of the term ‘girls’ refers to females under the age of 18. The term ‘women’ refers to females 18 years of age and above. Please provide answers to each of these questions for the financial years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013:

1. Do all medical practitioners, midwives and nurses in your institution receive training on the 2003 Female Genital Mutilation Act legislation? If not, how many have received this training?

2. Does your institution formally record the number of FGM cases?

3. On how many occasions has your institution treated girls for FGM?

4. On how many occasions has your institution treated women for FGM?

5. On how many occasions has your institution referred cases involving girls and FGM to the local authorities?

6. On how many occasions has your institution referred cases involving women and FGM to the local authorities?

7. On how many occasions has your institution referred cases involving girls and FGM to the police?

8. On how many occasions has your institution referred cases involving women and FGM to the police?
NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG looked into your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However it is unable to respond to your request for information as it does not hold the information.

However under Section 16 of the FOI Act, we can advise you that the information can be dealt with by Darent Valley Hospital. The link to their website is below: