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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 January 2019 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding genitals. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***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?***

Answer: 2014: Zero  
2015: Zero  
2016: Zero  
2017: Zero  
2018: Zero

- 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?***

Answer: With regards to the small figures the Trust has withheld a further breakdown of information, as to disclose this information would breach one of the data protection principles contained in the Data Protection Act 1998 in that it would render it possible to identify the individual. We do not believe that it would be fair to the individuals or

their families for their identities to be made public. We therefore believe that the exemption contained within section 40 of the Act is engaged.

Year	Age	religion	Ethnic Group Description	Count
2014	16		White - British	1-3
2014	15		White - British	1-3
2017	14		White - British	1-3

- 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?**

Answer:

Year	Age	religion	Ethnic Group Description	Count
2015	16		White - British	1-3
2017	1		White - British	1-3

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
 County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
 Darlington Memorial Hospital  
 Hollyhurst Road  
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
 Wycliffe House

Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**