



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 279

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 24/09/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

1. Firstly we would like to know if staff has received any training on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

Staff receive training on FGM as part of the mandatory Safeguarding Level 3 training. Further information on FGM is included in child safeguarding and maternity policies.

- b) If so how many staff have been offered training?

As this is mandatory training all staff identified as requiring Level 3 Safeguarding training are expected to attend training annually.

- c) How many staff have been offered training specifically dealing with FGM as a single issue.

The Maternity Service has a dedicated Safeguarding Vulnerable Women and Families Team which includes a midwife with a special interest in FGM. Bespoke training sessions on FGM are provided for maternity staff at Midwifery Development Days.

- d) How many staff have attended training and descriptions of the training provided?

The Trust currently only maintains a record of the number of staff who have attended mandatory training and therefore bespoke FGM training figures are not captured.

2. Support for Victims

- a) What steps are the local health agencies in Northamptonshire taking to identify victims and potential victims of FGM?
- b) What support they are or will be offering both Child victims and potential young people victims?
- c) What support they are or will be offering both vulnerable victims and potential victims?
- d) Does the agency 'signpost'?
- e) How do they identify agencies to sign post to?
- f) How do they assure that the agencies referred to are fit for purpose?
- g) What information sharing policies to you have with agencies you sign post to?

We are unable to answer the specific contractual health arrangements that are place by Clinical Commissioning Groups across Northamptonshire, namely NHS Nene CCG and NHS Corby CCG.

They can be contacted at: foi.neneccg@ardengemcsu.nhs.uk and corby.pulse@nhs.net.

As one of the health providers within Northamptonshire, the Trust follows the Department of Health FGM Safeguarding Pathway. Appropriate referrals would be made to the Local Authority; multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and in the case of a child, to the police under the Mandatory Reporting Duty. Following referral, all actions and support offered would be recorded in individual health records and safeguarding records, however this information is not held in a readily accessible format which would make it possible to answer your questions.

3. Number of Victims

Finally we would like to know how many victims and potential victims have been identified in Northampton by the local health authorities for each year over the past five years?

The Trust only has this data recorded electronically from 2013 and therefore unable to provide the data for 2011 and 2012.

The number of women identified as having had FGM is as follows:

- a) 2011: Not available
- b) 2012: Not available
- c) 2013: 17
- d) 2014: 45
- e) 2015: 47
- f) 2016 (up to 31st August): 32

As from April 2015, specific ICD10 Codes were implemented to record the prevalence of FGM and there is a requirement to submit the data via Unify as part of the Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Prevalence Dataset at:

<http://digital.nhs.uk/fgm>