

FOI 2825

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please provide data for the number of referrals due to significant harm related to circumcision of children for each of the last ten years.

If possible, please disaggregate the data into therapeutic (for a medical reason) and non-therapeutic (for religious/cultural reasons) circumcisions.

Response:

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust can only provide the number of children (aged 16 and below) who had circumcisions over the last ten years.

We are unable to disaggregate the data into therapeutic (for a medical reason) and non-therapeutic (for religious/cultural reasons) circumcisions.

End Date between: 01/01/2014 - 31/08/2024***

| Calendar Year | No. of Day Cases, Inpatient Finished Consultant Episodes (Elective and Non-Elective) |
|----------------------|---|
| 2014 | 43 |
| 2015 | 36 |
| 2016 | 24 |
| 2017 | 17 |
| 2018 | 22 |
| 2019 | 12 |
| 2020 | 0 |
| 2021 | 4 |
| 2022 | 6 |
| 2023 | 13 |
| 2024 ** | 18 |

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