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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10th January 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Genitals.

On 11th January 2019 we contacted you via email as we required the following clarifications:
Q1 & 2 the Trust does not undertake cosmetic procedures therefore please clarify as to what you mean as we are unable to distinguish between cosmetic and medical reasons.

Q3 please confirm/state/specify which operations you are referring to.

On 11th January 2019 (received into this office 14th January) you replied via email the following:
"I am referring to labiaplasty and penis enlargement/modification"

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I would like this information broken down ANNUALLY for the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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.

A1 No patients have had this procedure undertaken for the time period requested.

Q2 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.

A2 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers, and have provided this below.

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Less than 5*	Less than 5*	0	Less than 5*	0

*Identified as having had either a labiaplasty operation or any other procedures that enhance/improve/ alter the appearance of their genital area.

Q3 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

A3 No patients have had operations to improve/ enhance/ alter the appearance of their male genital area.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.



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Yours,

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