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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 07/06/2021.

- 1. For each of the years 2010 and 2020, how many investigations under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 involved any of these terms in the referral:**
 - **Fabricated or Induced Illness or FII**
 - **Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy or MSbP**
 - **Perplexing Presentation or PP**
 - **Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another or FDIA**
 - **Snomed Code System Concept Code: 95637005**

In 2020, there have been less than 10 patients who have required investigations under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989. However, the Trust are unable to disclose further information due to the number of patients being significantly low. We believe this will potentially pose a risk to identifying the individuals; therefore, we are applying an exemption under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption protects the personal information of individuals under the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Trust is unable to provide figures for the previous years as this information was not recorded in a easily retrievable/recorded format. To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed the 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

- 2. How many of those investigations led to a child protection plan, and how many resulted in no further action being taken?**

Please see question 1.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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