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Ref: 21-22 567

Dear Sir or Madam,

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 10/02/2022. Please see responses to your requests below.

1. Since 2015, how many children receiving diagnostic tests and/or treatment for DSDs have been referred to this trust from Malta?

This data is not recorded by the trust. 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 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. Of these children, how many are government-sponsored patients? How many pay privately?

Please see answer in question 1.

3. Of these referrals, how many have undergone genital surgeries?

Please see answer in question 1.

4. Which specific DSDs have been referred from Malta? (e.g. Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia, Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome, Turners Syndrome). If possible, please list them.

Please see answer in question 1.

5. Are there specific legal or ethical guidelines tailored for Maltese patients?

Not applicable.

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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