

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2024.023
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Thank you for your email dated 10 April 2024 requesting information regarding Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) referrals. Please find detailed below a summary of your original request together with our response.

Original request:

How many referrals from Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust were made to the National FASD clinic in Surrey within the year:

2022/23

2023/24

We are unable to extract the data for FASD referrals to the national FASD clinic in Surrey, as we do not currently have this field built into the electronic patient record system. However we can confirm that we do complete professional discussions with the National centre to manage children's care.

To provide the information requested would require us to conduct a manual search of patient records, which would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt from disclosure. I have detailed below the relevant excerpt:

Section 12

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

How many practicing paediatricians in the Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust have received training on FASD diagnosis.

Which area's in Kent these paediatricians practice.

The paediatric team cover west Kent and north Kent and 9 paediatricians and have received FASD training.

The children's therapies team cover east Kent, north Kent and west Kent and 11 paediatric therapists have received FASD training

How many referrals for FASD diagnosis did Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust receive in :

2022/23

2023/24

We are unable to extract data for direct FASD referrals to KCHFT, however this number is minimal as most children where FASD is being considered are assessed as part of other referrals, for instance for developmental delay or as part of Looked after Children's health assessments.

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How many child FASD diagnosis did the Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust make in:

2022/23

2023/24

Currently, we are unable to extract data for direct FASD diagnosis made by KCHFT.

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How many adult FASD diagnosis did the Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust make in:

2022/23

2023/24

Currently, we are unable to extract data for direct FASD diagnosis made by KCHFT.

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