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REQUEST

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 can I ask for the following information. Over the last five calendar years:

1.) How many children (aged 15 and under) have attended services at your trust to get tested for sexually transmitted diseases? Please provide the total number for each year – and in addition, break down by age (age band is adequate if the numbers are small).

2.) Please provide the total number of STD tests that came back positive in children under 16 over the last five years – and again, please break down by year, age, - as well as the type of STDs that were diagnosed.

3.) If this has not been made clear in the above response – what is the specific age of the youngest child to be diagnosed with an STD over the last five years – and what was the STD?

4.) Within these figures, please also include the numbers of children who were found to have an STD when using hospital services for other services.

5.) Please separately provide the total number of children under 16 who were
a) tested b) diagnosed with HIV over the last five years – with a breakdown of people and ages for each year. This includes children who were found to have HIV when attending hospital for another matter.

If you believe any of the questions this to be exempt information in line with Section 40 (2)(a)(b)(3)(a)(i) Can you please, then, instead, provide an age bracket and the total number for the 5 years as a total.

RESPONSE

We are unable to provide the information you require 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 the Data Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Act.

This information will be provided nationally via PHE and BASHH