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Freedom of Information Act 2000
NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board's response to information request

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Requested information

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd like to request the following information:

1. Whether your ICB routinely commissions and funds female sterilisation procedures.

If so, for each of the last five calendar years in which information is available, please provide:

1. The total number of female sterilisation procedures performed by the ICB
2. The total number of female sterilisation requests that were rejected by the ICB
3. Where available, a breakdown of recorded reasons for refusal

I wish to be informed in writing whether you have such information and, if so, I seek the disclosure of that information. If the information is covered by any exemptions, please disclose such information as is not covered by the exemptions.

Response

1. Whether your ICB routinely commissions and funds female sterilisation procedures.

Yes. Referrals must meet certain criteria, and the commissioning policy that details these can be found at Commissioning Policies starting on page 217

If so, for each of the last five calendar years in which information is available, please provide:

1. The total number of female sterilisation procedures performed by the ICB

2020	**13**
2021	**7**
2022	**16**
2023	**14**
2024	*****
2025	*****
Total	**58**

*** numbers have been suppressed due to information governance.**

2. The total number of female sterilisation requests that were rejected by the ICB

   NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly does not hold this information. Please request this information from the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust (RCHT) and University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust (UHP). Contact details are:

   - **Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust - rch-tr.foi@nhs.net**
   - **University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust - plh-tr.foi-requests@nhs.net**

3. Where available, a breakdown of recorded reasons for refusal

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Attachment(s)

None