

Date: 9th June 2025.
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 026

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information request: Child exploitation (CORP 25/26 – 026)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 13th May 2025.

Your Request:

- *The number of referrals made by your NHS Trust to other authorities - such as the police or social services - when there was a suspicion that a child is a victim of exploitation (sexual, criminal, gang-based grooming) for the years 2010 (or earliest available year of data) - 2024 inclusive.*
- *The number of risks assessments conducted on children where there was concern that they had been the victim of child sexual exploitation (using the same timeframe as above).*
- *Details of your NHS Trusts' CSE safeguarding arrangements, including work in multi-agency partnerships.*
- *The number of staff employed by your NHS Trust who have received training on CSE.*

Please find the Trust's response below:

- **The number of referrals made by your NHS Trust to other authorities - such as the police or social services - when there was a suspicion that a child is a victim of exploitation (sexual, criminal, gang-based grooming) for the years 2010 (or earliest available year of data) - 2024 inclusive.**

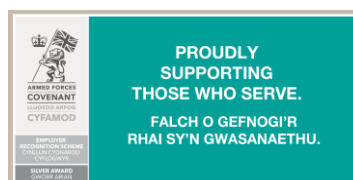
There have been less than 6 referrals made between 2018 – 2024 inclusive. We do not hold data prior to 2018.

Where the figure provided is less than 6, and where simple calculations could identify fields that contain less than 6, the Trust has applied an exemption under Section 40(2) (personal data) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the Trust believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified if the figures were disclosed.

- **The number of risks assessments conducted on children where there was concern that they had been the victim of child sexual exploitation (using the same timeframe as above).**

Velindre University NHS Trust has limited contact with children, the majority of contact is due to a parent in receipt of care at Velindre Cancer Centre. There have been no risk assessments conducted from 2018 (earliest data we hold) onward.

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- **Details of your NHS Trusts' CSE safeguarding arrangements, including work in multi-agency partnerships.**

As per the policies listed below, Velindre University NHS Trust would refer all CSE concerns into Local Authority and Police. The Head of Safeguarding is a member of the Cardiff & Vale Regional Safeguarding Board and Delivery Group. CSE resources and external training opportunities shared with staff via Trust intranet. The Trust does not participate in regional CSE meetings as contact with children is minimal.

Please see the Trust's Safeguarding Policies:

<https://velindre.nhs.wales/policies/quality-and-safety/qs12-safeguarding-and-public-protection-policy/>

<https://velindre.nhs.wales/policies/quality-and-safety/qs08-management-of-safeguarding-allegations-concerns-about-practitioners-and-those-in-a-position-of-trust/>

- **The number of staff employed by your NHS Trust who have received training on CSE.**

The Trust does not provide CSE specific training. However CSE is included as a discussion within the safeguarding children level 3 training. Only staff who are patient facing and a Band 7 and above are assigned level 3 training.

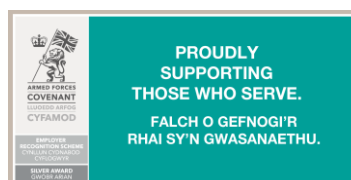
I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

You should forward your complaint to:

Mr Ian Bevan via FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk
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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:

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