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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0236**

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

**Please provide the total numbers of cases of proposed 'forced' a) contraception b) sterilisation c) abortion in the five previous calendar years (01/01/14 to 31/12/18) arising from your NHS Trust?**

*(Reason for request: Following the recent 'forced abortion' case that reached the news, the Department of Health was asked by several MPs if the practice was common and if it occurred elsewhere. However, they responded that they did not have that information; it is not collected centrally. I am therefore checking each NHS Trust accordingly and avoiding this year to maintain the anonymity of those involved in the recent case. 'Proposed' -the NHS Trust has applied to a court for this action to occur 'Forced' -against the stated wishes of the patient.)*

**Unfortunately it is not possible to accurately identify individuals via central records who may be forced into contraception/sterilisation/abortion. There is no specific clinical code for this scenario. Coding is relied on for retrieving statistical information. Coding also concerns the patient primarily, which is at variance with the scope of this question which refers to third parties.**

**It may be information is available from sexual health services which are run separately from Wye Valley NHS Trust. Their website is available here: <https://sexualhealthservices4herefordshire.co.uk/> .**

If you have queries or any concerns contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Hereford  
HR1 2DX  
Email: [freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk](mailto:freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk)

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Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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