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Question/s to be Answered

FOI Request: Further data required on the low incidence of Preputioplastic procedures

NHS Shetland previously provided me data on the number of circumcisions and preputioplasties performed by the board between 2009 and 2019.

Having now analysed this data and compared it with Scotland's other health boards the numbers suggest a deficiency when identifying suitable candidates for Preputioplastic procedures. This is especially concerning given recent research conducted by Alder Hey Children's Hospital suggests half of all paediatric circumcisions are unnecessary.

Could NHS Shetland confirm and provide supporting evidence that all consultations resulting in referral for circumcison in both adult and paediatric services are by practitioners trained in Preputioplastic procedures and therefore competent in identifying suitable surgical candidates?

Practitioners in NHS Shetland that are counselling patients re circumcison are not trained in Preputioplastic procedures. That does not mean they are not competent in identifying suitable surgical candidates.