

## Freedom of Information Team

01 June 2023

### REFERENCE: FOI\23\34

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your request for information dated 23rd May 2023 as detailed below.

*'Can you tell me please how many FGM Protection Orders have been issued in NI since 2015?*

*Can you also let me know the extent of Protection and how managed?*

*Have there been any successful prosecutions in NI within this period?"*

The Department is able to provide the following information in relation to the questions you have posed.

In relation to part 1 of your query, the Northern Ireland Courts and tribunals Service have confirmed that, for the period up to April 2023, there have not been any FGM Protection Orders issued.

As no Protection Orders have been issued, there is no information to report In relation to part 2 of your query, in terms of management of issued Orders. The Department of Health may have information in a more general sense however, in relation to the extent of protection that may be put in place in relation to the Orders in question, so you may wish to address this part of your query to them.



In relation to part 3 of your query, since 2015, up to April 2023, there have been no successful prosecutions at courts within Northern Ireland for offences under the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

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Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager**

