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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding individuals with Smith-Magenis Syndrome within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

1. Information regarding the population of individuals with Smith-Magenis Syndrome, this is identified by a mutation or deletion of RAI1 gene on chromosome 17p11.2:
 - Total population covered by the CCG
 - The total number of people diagnosed with Smith-Magenis syndrome within this population
 - Year of Birth
 - Male / Female

If the number is very low (less than 5) the information cannot be disclosed as it could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data, and this would constitute a breach of the data protection principles are set out in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation. Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that it is personal information.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption therefore is not subject to the public interest test.

Please see appendix 1 for further details on the exemption applied.