



By email

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Our ref: 19/12/ds/972

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Dear Amber,

Re: Epidemiology of HIV incidence in women across the UK

Thank you for your email dated 19 December 2019. In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), I can confirm that Public Health England (PHE) does hold the information you have specified.

Your request:

I would like to explore the epidemiology of HIV incidence in women across the UK as I saw a statistic that said that 45% of cases in a study were in women living below the poverty line. This was quite a small scale study so I thought it would be interesting to map the incidence of HIV in women in the UK and match these to the corresponding Index of Multiple Deprivation Score. However I have noticed that PHE Fingertips has a huge amount of information on the New HIV diagnosis rate / 100,000 aged 15+ at the District & UA level, but this isn't broken down into sex. If I could have access to this database

Response:

Please find attached the requested information¹. In relation to your request for the new HIV diagnosis rate per 100,000 population as per Fingertips, PHE can confirm it does not hold this information. Under Section 16 of the FOI Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Accordingly, you may wish to visit the

¹ Source: HIV and AIDS Reporting System (HARS), PHE. Diagnoses are from reports received up to the end of December 2018 and are subject to change. Data includes newly acquired and existing infected persons only. The data with low figures are subject to change and should be interpreted and treated with caution. The gender data are based on the information received by the local clinics, which includes undisclosed gender, gender neutral persons and those whose gender is different to that given at birth. Where the population is below 5, the value has been masked to avoid the risk of deductive disclosure of individuals.

Office of National Statistics (ONS) website to access the information you have requested.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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