



## By email

Our ref: 08/10/lh /324

November 2015

Dear

### **Re: Sexually transmitted infections data for 11-13 years olds**

Thank you for your email of 8 October 2015 in which you requested the annual data on sexually transmitted infections (STI) for 11-13 years olds across regions in 2010-2015. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the FOI Act, I can confirm that Public Health England holds some of the information you have specified.

Public Health England routinely collects data on all diagnoses of sexually transmitted infections made in sexual health clinics in England, for national surveillance and public health monitoring. PHE does not follow-up individual reports to verify route of transmission or to correct data entry errors, incorrect years of birth, and other reporting errors. The data in these tables will therefore include data recording errors which have led to an incorrect date of birth being entered, cases where an infection has been transmitted that does not involve penetrative sex or other sexual activity, as well as cases involving child sexual abuse.

Data for this request are presented in accordance with PHE's data disclosure policy, which protects against inadvertent disclosure of patient identifiable information. Due to the sensitive nature of the information requested, data are presented at the national level only.

Table 1a-f, provides data on the number of new STI diagnoses in England for those aged under 18 years between 2009 and 2014.

Please find the attached appendices which include table 1a-f with notes.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me 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](mailto: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

Freedom of Information Officer