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Russell's Hall Hospital
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West Midlands
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Ref: FOI-032024-000766

Date: 15/04/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

- Reported incidents of racism/racist abuse (of any type, e.g. verbal, physical) by patients against staff at your trust, broken down by **year**, from the dates 31 January 2016 - 31 January 2024.
- Reported incidents of racism/racist abuse (of any type, e.g. verbal, physical) by staff against staff, broken down by **year**, from the dates 31 January 2016- 31 January 2024.

Response

Unfortunately, the Trust does not hold data dating back ten years as the system came into existence in 2016.

As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved and cause distress to families or friends. The number of racial abuse incidents over the years (2016 – 2024) for each month requested is less than 5, therefore Exemption Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust