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Date: 06/09/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Total sexual safety incidents

1. How many sexual safety incidents did the trust record? (This includes incidents by all alleged perpetrators against all alleged victims: staff, patients, visitors, members of the public)

1.1 in 2022/23 financial year

1.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Sexual safety incidents by staff against patients

2. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients did the trust record?

2.1 in 2022/23 financial year

2.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Sexual violence and misconduct by patients against other patients

3. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patients did the trust record?

3.1 in 2022/23 financial year

3.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Sexual safety incidents by patients against staff

4. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record?

4.1 in 2022/23 financial year

4.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Sexual safety incidents by staff against other staff

5. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against other staff did the trust record?

5.1 in 2022/23 financial year

5.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Age of alleged victims

6. How many of the sexual safety incidents did the trust record where the victim was a patient:

6.1 Under 18 (this includes under 16 and under 13)

6.2 Under 16 (this includes under 13)

6.3 Under 13

Please provide figures for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.

7. How many incidents of physical violence perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record?

7.1 in 2022/23 financial year

7.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Terminology:

Sexual safety incidents include any behaviour of a sexual nature that is unwanted, or makes another person feel uncomfortable or afraid. This covers:

- **sexual assault:** when a person is coerced or physically forced to engage in sexual activity against their will, or when a person (of any gender) touches another person sexually without their consent.
- **sexual harassment:** any behaviour that is characterised by inappropriate sexual remarks, gestures or physical advances which are unwanted and make a person feel uncomfortable, intimidated or degrade their dignity.
- **Other sexual incidents:** where an individual may have witnessed or experienced something of a sexual nature that does not fit in to the categories of sexual harassment or assault, and which made the person feel uncomfortable and/or sexually unsafe.

Response

Please make a formal request to The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust dgft.foi@nhs.net quoting the above reference number should you require a copy of these reports.

Please find attached Excel Spreadsheet.

Please note that as per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 (< 5) as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved and cause distress to Families and Friends. The number of sexual safety incidents recorded by the Trust (Q1) and the number of sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patient (Q4) for the requested time period is less than 5, therefore the Trust has applied exemption Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust