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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Questions:

Has the trust received written advice or guidance from NHS England setting out how to comply with the NHS sexual safety charter? Please answer yes or no. - **YES**

1.1 If yes, please set out what advice or guidance NHS England provided, or provide a copy of it.

Policy framework and guidance documents provided by NHS England

Point 10 of the NHS sexual safety charter states: "We will capture and share data on prevalence and staff experience transparently." If you answered yes to question 1, has NHS England provided written advice or guidance as to how the trust should record the prevalence of unwanted, inappropriate and/or harmful sexual behaviour in order to comply with point 10 of the charter? Please answer yes or no. - **YES**

2.1 If yes, please set out what advice or guidance NHS England has provided, or provide a copy of it. Specifically, please clarify whether this guidance prescribes what sexual harm data the trust should record, and how to record it? For example, does it stipulate that the trusts should record specific categories of sexual harm, such as patient-on-staff or staff-on-patient incidents? If so, please provide details.

- Policy framework and guidance documents provided by NHS England

If the trust has received no guidance from NHS England as to how to record the prevalence of unwanted, inappropriate and/or harmful sexual behaviour, how does the trust currently record these incidents?

- The Trust has received guidance from NHS England (as provided for the above)

3.1 Does the trust record and centrally collate all types of sexual safety incidents? Please answer yes or no. - **YES**

3.2. Which of the following categories of incidents does the trust record and centrally collate. Please answer yes or no:

- Patient-on-staff incidents - YES
- Staff-on-staff incidents - YES

- Patient-on-patient incidents - YES
 - Staff-on-staff incidents - YES
 - Visitor-on-staff incidents - YES
 - Visitor-on-patient incidents - YES
 - Patient-on-visitor incidents - YES
- Staff-on-visitor incidents – YES

3.3 Does the trust record any other categories of incidents, such as incidents perpetrated by members of the public? If so, please provide details of these categories. - **YES - This is recorded under visitor/member of public**

Is the trust fully compliant with all 10 points of the sexual safety charter? - **YES**

4.1. If yes, when did the trust become fully compliant? **July 2024**

4.2 If no, what points of the charter has the trust yet to comply with; and when does the trust expect to become fully compliant with the charter? **N/A**

Has the trust's compliance with the charter been assessed or audited by NHS England? Please answer yes or no. - **NO**

5.1 If yes, what were the findings of that assessment or audit? Was the trust deemed to be fully compliant, partially compliant or not compliant? - **N/A**

5.2 If yes, when was the assessment or audit carried out and when did the trust receive its findings? - **N/A**
Has the trust undertaken any internal audits or assessments of its compliance with the sexual safety charter? Please answer yes or no. - **No**

- **However, the Trust carried out an initial mapping exercise to map out current activities in place and gaps aligned to the 10 charter pledges to inform the sexual safety action plan.**

6.1 If yes, what were the findings of this assessment or audit? - **N/A**

6.2 If no, does the trust have plans to conduct an audit or assessment of compliance?
- **Yes the Trust is planning an audit using the NHSE national sexual safety assurance framework.**

6.3 If you answered yes to 6.2, when does the trust plan to conduct this assessment or audit of compliance? - **2025**

7. Does the trust keep centralised records of child abuse committed on the trust premises? Please answer yes or no – **Any child abuse is reported via Datix and the location of where this happened is included in the reporting form. The safeguarding team have oversight of the safeguarding incidents.**

8. Which incident and risk reporting system does the trust use to record sexual unwanted, inappropriate and/or harmful sexual behaviour? (For example, Datix or Ulysses.) **DATIX**

9. Has the trust appointed a domestic abuse and sexual violence (DASV) lead? Please answer yes or no. **YES**

For a copy of the policies and guidance please contact dgft.foi@nhs.net quoting the FOI reference number.

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

Yours sincerely

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