

Trust Headquarters Russell's Hall Hospital Dudley West Midlands DY1 2HQ

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Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

## Address / Email:

Dear

## **Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

## Request

Please can you provide me with all confidential and redacted patient complaints for staff member during the staff member's employment with the Trust. If possible, please provide dates of complaints and the nature of complaints in PDF form via this email address.

## Response

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish information for cases lower than five as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved and cause distress to Families or Friends. The number of complaints/concerns over the term requested is less than 5, so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

Even with a high level of redaction due to the level of detail and information contained within the reports this could still be patient identifiable, so the Trust is withholding this information under Exemption Section 40 (personal information) 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.

Information Governance Manager Trust Headquarters Russell's Hall Hospital Dudley West Midlands DY1 2HQ Email: <u>dgft.dpo@nhs.net</u> 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 Wilmslow 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

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