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 Russell's Hall Hospital
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Ref: FOI-022024-000624

Date: 04/03/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

The number of NHS staff (across registered professionals and non-registered professionals) who have faced misconduct or gross misconduct over the following examples:

- *abusive or violent behaviour towards another employee, member of public or patient*
- *ill-treatment or mishandling of patients*
- *harming patients*
- *sexual abuse or assault*
- *professional misconduct*
- *abuse of position or power*
- *falsifying records*

Response

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (Jan and Feb)	Total
abusive or violent behaviour towards another employee, member of public or patient	No data	<5	14	8	<5	10	<5	36
ill-treatment or mishandling of patients	No data	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
harming patients	No data	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
sexual abuse or assault	No data	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	7
professional misconduct	No data	<5	<5	10	7	8	<5	31
abuse of position or power	No data	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
falsifying records	No data	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	9

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As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved and cause distress to Families or Friends. The number of incidents over the years requested is less than 5, so 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
Wilmslow
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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
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