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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**Request**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with the following information about incidents of sexual harm and physical violence that have taken place at your trust. Incidents of sexual violence include, but are not limited to, sexual harassment, sexual abuse, sexual assault and rape.

**Response**

Please note that there appears to be some discrepancy between the questions asked and the structure of the spreadsheets for some of the questions. Our response is therefore provided below to avoid any confusion.

Question	Answer
1. How many sexual safety incidents did the trust record in the financial year 2024-25? (This includes incidents by all alleged perpetrators against all alleged victims: staff, patients, visitors, members of the public)	11
1.1 How many of these incidents took place on the trust premises?	11
1.2 How many sexual safety incidents on the trust premises did the trust record in the financial year 2023-24?*	no change
1.3 How many sexual safety incidents on the trust premises did the trust record in the financial year 2022-23?*	no change
<b>Sexual safety incidents by staff against patients</b>	
2. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients did the trust record in the 2024/25 financial year?	0
<b>Sexual violence and misconduct by patients against other patients</b>	
3. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patients did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?	0
<b>Sexual safety incidents by patients against staff</b>	
4. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?	8
<b>Sexual safety incidents by staff against other staff</b>	
5. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against other staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year - the number is less than 5 (<5) and 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, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.	<5
<b>6. How many of the sexual safety incidents did the trust record where the victim was a patient: -Financial Year 2024/2025</b>	
6.1 Under 18 (this includes under 16 and under 13)	0
6.2 Under 16 (this includes under 13)	0
6.3 Under 13	0
<b>Physical violence</b>	

7. How many incidents of physical violence perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?	108
7.1 Do the trust's records of physical violence by patients distinguish between intentional/deliberate and un/non-intentional violence? (Unintentional violence might be due to lack of capacity, e.g. a symptom of dementia.)	No
<b>7.2 If the trust does breakdown physical violence into intentional/deliberate and un/non-intentional violence, please provide the following data for the 2024-25 financial year:</b>	
Number of intentional/deliberate incidents of physical violence by patients against staff.	No
Number of un/non-intentional violence incidents of physical violence by patients against staff. - No	

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

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