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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, I would like to request information regarding patients who may have been victims of modern slavery in the West Midlands, for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025. Specifically:

1. The total number of patients identified or referred as potential victims of modern slavery or human trafficking.
2. Any anonymised breakdown by type of exploitation (forced labour, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, other).
3. Any aggregated demographic information (age ranges, gender, nationality) available.
4. The number of patients referred to external support services or safeguarding teams.

Response

The Trust collects data on modern slavery, this is not separated out into the category of human trafficking.

The information is for patients seen in the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust and therefore does not represent the West Midlands and is not always necessarily people that live in Dudley.

The number of incidents from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025 relating to Modern Slavery is **22**, no further breakdown can be supplied as other information not collected,

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
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