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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

For each question, please can you provide data for the following years – 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 to date.

1. How many sexual assaults were reported to the trust?

43 sexual assaults have been reported to the Trust.

a) Of these allegations, please advise whether they were:

		2020	2021	2022	2023
i)	On Staff carried out by a staff Member	1	3	0	0
ii)	On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor	8	14	10	2
iii)	By Staff on a Patient	0	3	1	0
iv)	By Staff on a visitor	0	0	0	0
v)	On Staff carried out by a visitor (NB: Data included in (ii) above)	1	1	0	0
vi)	On a patient carried out by a patient	0	1	0	0

b) Of these alleged offences, how many were reported to the police?

		2020	2021	2022	2023
i)	On Staff carried out by a staff Member	0	0	0	0
ii)	On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor	0	0	0	0
iii)	By Staff on a Patient	0	3	1	0
iv)	By Staff on a visitor	0	0	0	0
v)	On Staff carried out by a visitor	0	0	0	0
vi)	On a patient carried out by a patient	0	0	0	0

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- c) If these alleged offences involved members of staff or contractors of the trust, please outline whether disciplinary proceedings took place and what was the outcome?

		2020	2021	2022	2023
i)	On Staff carried out by a staff Member	1x -final written warning	3x - dismissed	0	0
ii)	On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor	0	0	0	0
iii)	By Staff on a Patient	0	2x - unsubstantiated 1x – Final written warning	1x – TWS no longer used	0
iv)	By Staff on a visitor	0	0	0	0
v)	On Staff carried out by a visitor	0	0	0	0
vi)	On a patient carried out by a patient	0	0	0	0

2. How many rapes were reported to the trust?

The information you have requested is exempt under section 38(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to:

- (a) endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or
- (b) endanger the safety of any individual.

a) Of these allegations, please advise whether they were:

- i) On Staff carried out by a staff Member
- ii) On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor
- iii) By Staff on a Patient
- iv) By Staff on a visitor
- v) On Staff carried out by a visitor
- vi) On a patient carried out by a patient

Section 38(1) applied, please see above.

b) Of these alleged offences, how many were reported to the police?

Section 38(1) applied, please see above.

- c) If these alleged offences involved members of staff or contractors of the trust, please outline whether disciplinary proceedings took place and what was the outcome?**

Section 38(1) applied, please refer to question 2.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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