



FOI REF: 23/381

14th June 2023

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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:

In the recent BBC health news, published on 23rd May 2023, suggesting that more than 35,000 incidents of sexual misconduct and sexual violence were recorded on NHS premises between 2017 to 2023. According to the news report, the data was collected by the British Medical Journal (BMJ) and the Guardian newspaper from 212 Trusts in England and shared with BBC file on 4.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-65671018>

This report does not give any specific information about the ethnicity of the perpetrators and those of the victims in the above-mentioned cases.

I seek information regarding the ethnicity or national identity of the perpetrators and the victims in cases of sexual misconduct and violence in your Trust.

We do not hold this information as our Trust does not collate ethnicity with regard to these incidents.

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.

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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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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