

FOI REF: 23/720

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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:

Please could I request the following information:

- 1) **The amount of money ordered to be paid by an Employment Tribunal to victims of sexual assault at your NHS trust for each of the last three financial years?**

2020/2021	0
2021/2022	0
2022/2023	0

- 2) **The number of people sexually assaulted at your NHS trust for each of the last three financial years?**

Clarification was sought with regard to your definition of the number of people sexually assaulted at our Trust and confirmation was received as follows:

If you have separate data for incidents of sexual assault for staff, patients and visitors, please do share it.

Please see below for sexual assaults reported to the East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust Safeguarding team:

2020-2021 Patient on staff (physical) 3, patient on staff (verbal) 4, visitor on staff (physical) 1.

2021-2022 Patient on staff (physical) 9, patient on staff (verbal) 3.

2022-2023 Patient on staff (physical) 5, patient on staff (verbal) 3.

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In addition to the above, please see below for the number of sexual assaults of staff on staff only:

2020-2021	5
2021-2022	4
2022-2023	1

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
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Yours sincerely

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