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Our Ref: FOI 2912

Thank you for your request concerning reported incidents of a sexual nature.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

QUESTION:

Please disclose under the Freedom of Information Act each year from 2013-14 to 2017-18 the number of:

- 1 **Reported incidents of a sexual nature against staff by patients**
- 2 **Reported incidents of a sexual nature against patients by patients**
- 3 **Reports of physical sexual/indecent assault against staff by patients**
- 4 **Reports of physical sexual/indecent assault against patients by patients**

ANSWER:

Please see below the number of incidents reported to our Patient Safety reporting system. We have used the sub-categories available to us nearest to your request.

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
Service User to Service User (actual sexual assault)	15	7	0	5	10	37
Service User to Service User (attempted sexual assault)	6	8	1	1	8	24
Service User to Staff (actual sexual assault)	22	8	3	11	16	60
Service User to Staff (attempted sexual assault)	11	10	5	15	17	58
Total	54	33	9	32	51	179

5 Incidents of a sexual nature reported to police for all the above categories

We are unable to provide you with the number of incidents reported to the police because we would need to manually go through the 179 incident reports and this would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450.

It is estimated that it would take at least 10 minutes to manually scrutinise each incident report i.e. 30 hours @ £25ph = £750.00 and under section 12 of the FOIA a public authority only has to comply with a request for information when the cost of compliance does not exceed the appropriate limit or when the cost of compliance is met by the applicant.

Should you wish to discuss payment or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

