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Thank you for your request concerning Inpatient Sexual Assault Allegations.

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

**1) The current number of patients detained under MHA in NHS inpatient mental health facilities?**

The number of patients detained in HPFT units on 22<sup>nd</sup> June was 245.

**a. how many of these have an autism diagnosis?**

Out of the 245 service users detained, 27 have an Autism diagnosis

**2) The current number of patients detained under MHA in private provider inpatient mental health facilities?**

We have 65 individuals detained under the MHA, in private contracted beds in a combination of acute, specialist hospital, and High Dependence Unit beds

**a. how many of these have an autism diagnosis?**

Due to the small numbers of service users with Autism we have applied Exemption Section 40(2)<sup>1</sup>. This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. On this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish.

**3) The number of sexual assault allegations made by inpatients against a member of staff?**

In 2021/22 there were 13 sexual assault allegations made by inpatients against a member of staff reported on our incident reporting system.

**a. how many of these allegations were reported to the police?**

Due to the small numbers of allegations reported to the police we have applied Exemption Section 40(2). This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough

<sup>1</sup> Section 40(2) - Personal Data has been applied. This is because by releasing this information could identify individual(s) and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (2018).

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Should you 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](#).

