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> > Our Ref: FOI/04789

Thank you for your request concerning sexual assault reportings in the Trust.

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

1) How many patients have reported being sexually assaulted by another patient to the Trust between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2023?

Please can you break down the figure by year (i.e 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023).

As a NHS Trust we report in financial years. Information for 2017/18 until 2021/22 is already in the public domain¹. Please follow this <u>link</u> to a previously published response. (FOI 4496)

In the last financial year (2022/23) there has been "5 or less" incidents reported of sexual assault of service user to service user.

Due to the small number(s) of reported sexual assaults – service user to service user, we have applied Exemption Section 40(2). 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.

2) How many patients have reported being sexually assaulted by a Trust staff member between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2023.

Please can you break down the figure by year (i.e 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023).

Please follow the link provided under question 1 for 2017/18 until 2021/22.

In the last financial year (2022/23) there has been 0 incidents reported of sexual assault of staff to service user.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

¹ Section 21 – Information is available through other means





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

Sue Smith 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 <u>here</u>.

