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Thank you for your request concerning single sex ward breaches and rape.

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

- 1. How many breaches of the single sex ward policy have been recorded (patients being placed on a mixed ward) in each of the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23**

The Trust and other NHS Trust's submit Mixed Sex Accommodation to NHS England on a monthly basis.

The NHS data collection was suspended from March 2020 as a result of the ongoing response to the Covid-19 pandemic but resumed from the 1st November 2021.

The Trust has provided the below data for the last 3 years

2021 - 0
2022 - 0
2023 - 0

- 2. How many mixed sex communal areas and mixed sex wards are in operation at the trust?**

We have 14 mixed with mixed gender beds as described above.

- 3. How many sexual assaults and incidents of rape have been recorded on a mixed sex ward and separately mixed sex communal areas for the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 (if possible please differentiate between male and female patient victims)**

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Male	5 or less	0	0	5 or less
Female	5 or less	5 or less	5 or less	0

Due to the small numbers of sexual assault and incidents of rape reported on a mixed sex ward we have applied Exemption Section 40(2)¹. 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.

¹ 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).

However, under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we can confirm that over the past 4 financial years there have been 7 sexual assaults and incidents of rape recorded for females.

We are unable to provide you with the total number for males because of the very low numbers.

4. How many incidents of sexual assault and or rape have been recorded in relation to female patients in the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22,2022-23

Please see the answer to question 3.

5. How many reports have been made to the police in relation to the sexual assault and or rape of female patients in the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22,2022-23

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Female	5 or less	0	5 or less	0

Again, because of the very low numbers we are unable to provide you with a total number.

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

**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 [here](#).

