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Subject: Sexual Assaults in Hospitals

REQUEST

For each question, please can you provide data for the following years – 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 to date.

1. How many sexual assaults were reported to the Trust?
 - a. Of these allegations, please advise whether they were:
 - i. On staff carried out by a staff member
 - ii. On staff carried out by a patient or visitor
 - iii. By staff on a patient
 - iv. By staff on a visitor
 - v. On staff carried out by a visitor
 - vi. On a patient carried out by a patient
 - b. Of these alleged offences, how many were reported to the police?
 - c. If these alleged offences involved members of staff or contractors of the Trust, please outline whether disciplinary proceedings took place and what was the outcome?
2. How many rapes were reported to the Trust?
 - a. Of these allegations, please advise whether they were:
 - i. On staff carried out by a staff member
 - ii. On staff carried out by a patient or visitor
 - iii. By staff on a patient
 - iv. By staff on a visitor
 - v. On staff carried out by a visitor
 - vi. On a patient carried out by a patient
 - b. Of these alleged offences, how many were reported to the police?

- c. If these alleged offences involved members of staff or contractors of the Trust, please outline whether disciplinary proceedings took place and what was the outcome?

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please can you provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

RESPONSE

Categorisations are set by NHS England and Sexual Assaults and Rapes are recorded within the category of "Abuse" and adverse event of "Sexual". There is no differentiation between assaults, harassments, and rapes.

Answer to Q1 (a) & Q2 (a)	2020	2021	2022	2023
On staff carried out by a staff member	<5	0	0	0
On staff carried out by a patient or visitor	<5	8	10	<5
By staff on a patient	<5	<5	<5	0
By staff on a visitor	0	0	0	0
On staff carried out by a visitor (as above point iii)	0	0	0	0
On a patient carried out by a patient	<5	0	<5	0

Answer to Q1 (b) and Q2 (b)	2020	2021	2022	2023
No	<5	7	10	<5
Yes	<5	<5	6	0
No Answer	<5	<5	0	0

Answer to Q1 (c) and Q2 (c)	2020	2021	2022	2023
Full investigation finding no action to be taken*	<5	<5	<5	0
N/A - Incident on staff by external staff. Incident reported and investigated externally.	<5	0	0	0

Please note that we are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances, Sections 40(2) and 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle which states that personal data should be processed "lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner". It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.