

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-556**

23 August 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**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).**

**Definition: By sexual assault, I mean when someone touches another person in a sexual manner without their consent or when someone makes another person take part in a sexual activity with them without that person's consent.**

*The Trust's incident reporting system does not have a category heading for abuse/assault of a sexual nature, we have the category below:*

2018: Physical Assault of Patient By Other than staff 0

2019: Physical Assault of Patient By Other than staff 0

2020: Physical Assault of Patient By Other than staff 0

2021: Physical Assault of Patient By Other than staff 0

2022: Physical Assault of Patient By Other than staff 0

2023: Physical Assault of Patient By Other than staff 0 (to 30th June 2023)

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

**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).**

**Definition: By sexual assault, I mean when someone touches another person in a sexual manner without their consent or when someone makes another person take part in a sexual activity with them without that person's consent.**

*The Trust's incident reporting system does not have a category heading for abuse/assault of a sexual nature, we have the category below:*

2018: Physical Assault To Patient by Staff - 0

2019: Physical Assault To Patient by Staff - 0

2020: Physical Assault To Patient by Staff - 0

2021: Physical Assault To Patient by Staff - 0

2022: Physical Assault To Patient by Staff - 0

2023: Physical Assault To Patient by Staff 0 (to 30th June 2023)

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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