

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-343

20 July 2022

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 hold some of the information you are requesting
- **The number of offences relating to sexual misconduct (including rape, assault, groping, and sexually inappropriate language) that have been reported to your trust in the past five years (up to and including June 2022)**

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

- **A breakdown of this data which details:**
 - o **The month and year an offence was reported**
 - o **Who filed the report/complaint (i.e. patient, member of public, or staff member - please specify if they were aged over or under 18), what type of sexual misconduct report/complaint they filed, and who they filed the report/complaint against - i.e. Patient complaining against staff, staff complaining against staff, or staff complaining against patient?**
 - o **The outcome of a reported offence - i.e. Was the alleged perpetrator disciplined? If so, how? And by whom? Was a payment made? Or, was the report/complaint dismissed?**
 - o **How many and which sexual misconduct reports/complaints were reported to the police?**

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• **The number of non-disclosure agreements your organisation holds with current or former staff which involve or relate to sexual misconduct (including rape, assault, groping, and sexually inappropriate language)?**

Zero.

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

Publication

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Yours sincerely

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