

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-543

4 October 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

1. Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual violence allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients has the trust recorded?

1.1 Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual misconduct allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients has the trust recorded?

1.2 Over the past five years, how many staff have been formally disciplined for sexual violence and/or sexual misconduct against patients?

Sexual violence and misconduct by patients against other patients

2. Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual violence allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patients has the trust recorded?

2.1 Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual misconduct allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patients has the trust recorded?

Sexual violence and misconduct by patients against staff

3. Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual violence allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff has the trust recorded?

3.1 Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual misconduct allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff has the trust recorded?

Sexual violence and misconduct by staff against other staff

4. Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual violence allegedly perpetrated by staff against other staff has the trust recorded?

4.1 Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual misconduct allegedly perpetrated by staff against other staff has the trust recorded?

4.2 Over the past five years, how many staff have been formally disciplined for sexual misconduct and/or sexual violence against other staff?

Sexual violence and misconduct by visitors against patients

5. Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual violence allegedly perpetrated by visitors against patients has the trust recorded?

5.1 Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual misconduct allegedly perpetrated by visitors against patients has the trust recorded?

Sexual violence and misconduct by visitors against staff

6. Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual violence allegedly perpetrated by visitors against staff has the trust recorded?

6.1 Over the past five years, how many incidents of sexual misconduct allegedly perpetrated by visitors against staff has the trust recorded?

The Trust's incident categories do not match your request exactly, we have listed what has been recorded on our incident management system below:

2017

Physical Assault By Patient to Staff - *

Verbal Abuse By Patient to Staff - *

2018

Abuse of Staff by Other - *

2019

Verbal Abuse By Patient to Staff - *

Physical Assault By Patient to Staff - *

Racial Abuse By Patient to Staff - *

Verbal Abuse By Patient to Staff - 8

2020

Verbal Abuse By Patient to Staff - *

Physical Assault By Patient to Staff - *

Verbal Abuse By Patient to Staff - 12

2021

Abuse of Staff by Other - *

Physical Assault By Patient to Staff - *

Racial Abuse By Patient to Staff - *

Verbal Abuse By Patient to Staff - 16

Verbal Abuse Staff To Staff - *

2022

Abuse of Staff by Other - *

Physical Assault By Patient to Staff - *

Verbal Abuse By Patient to Staff - 10

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).

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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