

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-507

15 July 2024

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 sexual safety incidents has the trust recorded where the alleged victim was a patient aged 60 or over and the alleged perpetrator was a staff member (including agency staff)?

Please provide figures for:

April 2021 to the end of March 2024 (total)

2021-22 - 0

2022-23 - 0

2023-24 - 0

2. Do you have a Sexual Safety policy in place that covers assaults on patients by staff?

The Trust has a safeguarding policy which covers all types of neglect and abuse including PiPoT (People in positions of Trust) and LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer). The Trust has a staff allegation policy and is currently updating a staff allegation SOP (standard operating procedure).

3. Does the policy also explicitly address the sexual abuse of older people?

The policy includes all types of abuse and safeguarding of all ages and referral criteria. Staff training includes abuse of older patients.

4. Have staff received training on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia?

We have a safeguarding policy which covers all types of neglect and abuse including PiPoT (People in positions of Trust) and LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer). We also have a staff allegation policy and are currently updating a staff allegation SOP (standard operating procedure).

5. What training have staff received on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia?

We have a safeguarding policy which covers all types of neglect and abuse including PiPoT (People in positions of Trust) and LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer). We also have a staff allegation policy and are currently updating a staff allegation SOP (standard operating procedure).

6. Is this training mandatory for staff dealing with patients with dementia?

Safeguarding and dementia awareness training is mandatory for all staff

7. If your hospital has incidents recorded, please provide more information:

Sex of victims

No. Male

No. Female

No. Other

Not applicable

8. Sex of alleged perpetrator

No. Male

No. Female

No. Other

Not applicable

9. Role(s) of alleged perpetrators

HCA

Nursing Staff

Surgeon

Anaesthetist

Other

Not applicable

10. Locations of alleged incidents (pls specify number for each incident)

Same Sex Ward

Single Sex Ward

Theatre

Public Area

Other

Not applicable

11. Was incident reported to the police (please specify number for each incident)

Yes

No

Unknown - Not known

Not applicable

12. If not reported, please give reasons for this:

Not applicable

Please indicate if outcome of any police investigations if known:

Not applicable

**13. Was a referral made to the local Sexual Assault Referral Centre?
(please specify number for each incident)**

Yes

No

Unknown

Not applicable

14 Was the victim signposted to sexual violence support services (please specify number for each incident)

Yes

No

Unknown

Not applicable

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
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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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