

FOI 2910

25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

### Q1. Allegations of sexual misconduct/ sexual violence recorded in the trust monthly for period January 2020 - January 2025

#### Response:

It is not possible for the SHSCT to confirm how many allegations as requested above as one incident may involve more than one allegation, which may or may not have been proven to be founded. To review each incident would exceed the time threshold of FOI requests.

The response has provided the number of reported incidents which relate to sexual misconduct/ sexual violence.

The SHSCT uses Regional CCS2 coding to theme incidents reported on the Datix Risk Management System, the information provided includes incidents coded as:

- Sexual (including harassment and indecent exposure)

There were 798 incidents reported between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 on the Datix system coded as above. This is broken down by month in the table below.

Month and Year	Number of Reported Incidents	Month and Year	Number of Reported Incidents	Month and Year	Number of Reported Incidents	Month and Year	Number of Reported Incidents	Month and Year	Number of Reported Incidents
Jan 2020	<=5	Jan 2021	11	Jan 2022	<=5	Jan 2023	16	Jan 2024	22
Feb 2020	8	Feb 2021	9	Feb 2022	<=5	Feb 2023	16	Feb 2024	14
Mar 2020	11	Mar 2021	8	Mar 2022	14	Mar 2023	12	Mar 2024	20
Apr 2020	6	Apr 2021	17	Apr 2022	10	Apr 2023	11	Apr 2024	6
May 2020	<=5	May 2021	11	May 2022	6	May 2023	13	May 2024	9
Jun 2020	14	Jun 2021	12	Jun 2022	7	Jun 2023	25	Jun 2024	17
Jul 2020	22	Jul 2021	16	Jul 2022	19	Jul 2023	12	Jul 2024	15
Aug 2020	16	Aug 2021	15	Aug 2022	19	Aug 2023	13	Aug 2024	24
Sep 2020	12	Sep 2021	14	Sep 2022	14	Sep 2023	23	Sep 2024	20
Oct 2020	10	Oct 2021	6	Oct 2022	16	Oct 2023	30	Oct 2024	12
Nov 2020	20	Nov 2021	7	Nov 2022	16	Nov 2023	11	Nov 2024	25
Dec 2020	6	Dec 2021	<=5	Dec 2022	11	Dec 2023	11	Dec 2024	12
								Jan 2025	8

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <=5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

**Q2. Percentage of incidents of sexual misconduct recorded in the trust from January 2020 – January 2025 recorded that relate to patients abusing staff**

**Response:**

Of the 798 reported incidents 50% of these related to patients abusing staff.

**Q3. Number of trust staff accused of sexual misconducted (rape, sexual assault, harassment, stalking, or abusive remarks towards other staff or patients) for the period January 2020 - January 2025**

**Response:**

2021 – <5

2024 – 6

Note – the information relates only to those incidents that have been notified to Human Resources and disciplinary proceedings instigated.

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**Q4. Reports of hidden cameras/ recording equipment in private spaces made annually from January 2020- January 2025**

**Response:**

No information held.

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