

FOI 3535

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

How many sexual safety incidents took place in trust premises since 1 Jan 2020 to 17 Dec 2025?

Response:

The SHSCT uses Regional CCS2 coding to theme incidents reported on the Datix Risk Management System. The information provided includes reported incidents coded as: Sexual (including harassment and indecent exposure)

Total: 963

Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by calendar year

Response:

<u>a)</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>b)</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>c)</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>d)</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>e)</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>f)</u> <u>2025 to 17/12/2025</u>
133	130	138	195	200	167

Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by type of sexual safety incident - e.g. a) rape, b) sexual assault etc

Response:

- a) It is not possible for the SHSCT to confirm how many reports of rape as the Trust does not categorise incidents using this description.

In order, to provide this information a review of each incident would be required and the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

- b) 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) - 963

Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by age of victim in the following categories: a) under 18, b) 18-64 and c) 65 and over

Response:

It is not possible for the SHSCT to provide a breakdown by age as this information is not available for all incidents on the Datix Risk Management system. To review each incident individually to ascertain this information would exceed the time threshold of FOI requests.

In order, to provide this information a review of each incident would be required and the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by status of the victim and perpetrator in the following categories:

- a. Perpetrator was a staff member and victim was staff member:**
- b. Perpetrator was a member of the public (or patient) and victim was a member of the public (or patient)**
- c. Perpetrator was a member of the public (or patient) and victim was a staff member**
- d. Perpetrator was a staff member and victim was a member of the public (or patient)**

Response:

The SHSCT uses Regional CCS2 coding to theme incidents reported on the Datix Risk Management System. Incidents coded as Sexual (including harassment and indecent exposure) are also coded to identify the perpetrator and victim.

A breakdown using these codes is provided below:

a) staff against staff	b) public/patient against public/patient	c) public/patient against staff	d) staff against public/patient
5	386	491	27

Total: 909, the remaining 54 incidents were aligned to other categories

Please provide a breakdown of the total number of rapes since 1 Jan 2020 (i.e. the answer to 3.a) by the age of the rape victim in the following categories: a) under 18, b) 18-64 and c) 65 plus

Response:

It is not possible for the SHSCT to confirm how many reports of rape occurred by age bracket as this information is not available for all incidents on the Datix Risk Management system. This is also due to the fact that incidents are not categorised as rape and one incident may involve more than one assault/alleged assault, against one, or more than one, person. To review each incident individually to ascertain this information would exceed the time threshold of FOI requests.

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Does your trust have a dedicated policy to deal with sexual assault and harassment? If so, please provide a copy of your trust's written policy and if possible provide a date that the current policy was put in place.

Response:

We do not have any stand-alone policies dealing with sexual assault / harassment specifically. The Trust has a general Management of Violence and Aggression framework and a Conflict, Bullying and Harassment Policy, which cover sexual assault / harassment.

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