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Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

I write further to your request FOI ID 41452 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Single Sex Wards

Your request is set out below:

- How many breaches of the single sex ward policy have been recorded (patients being placed on a mixed ward) in each of the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23

The requested information is held centrally however due to a change in the incident reporting system used by the Trust it is not possible to extract the information requested as a standalone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review incident records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

- How many mixed sex communal areas and mixed sex wards are in operation at the trust?

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- How many sexual assaults and incidents of rape have been recorded on a mixed sex ward and separately mixed sex communal areas for the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 (if possible please differentiate between male and female patient victims)

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- How many incidents of sexual assault and or rape have been recorded in relation to female patients in the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22,2022-23.

The requested information is held centrally however it is not possible to extract the information requested as a standalone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review incident records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

- How many reports have been made to the police in relation to the sexual assault and or rape of female patients in the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22,2022-23

The requested information is held centrally however the field for reporting to the Police in our old reporting system was not a mandatory field. Therefore, in order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review incident records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

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On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department