

**NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust** 

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## **Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 1275 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Sexual Assaults

Your request is set out below:

1) How many patients have reported being sexually assaulted by another patient to the Trust between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2023?

Number of incidents by reported date	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Sexual abuse (including indecent exposure) towards patient	27	37	52	46	48	20
by patient						

2) How many patients have reported being sexually assaulted by a Trust staff member between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2023.

No. of incidents by reported date	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Sexual abuse (including indecent exposure) towards patient by staff	7	7	10	20	21	8

The Trust is committed to providing all patients and staff with a safe and secure environment and takes any allegations of sexual violence and misconduct very seriously. We are clear that any inappropriate behaviour – be that from staff, service users or carers - is unacceptable and will take robust action when needed. All staff receive mandatory safeguarding training, which includes training on sexual abuse.

As a safety focused organisation we proactively encourage the reporting of all concerns so that appropriate action can be taken if required. This can include involving the police, putting safeguarding arrangements in place and supporting service users and staff.

If a complaint is made against a member of staff, they have no further contact with the service user while an investigation is ongoing. If they are agency staff, we also report this to their employer. If a staff member is subject to police investigation they are immediately removed from duty and if they are agency staff they are reported to their employer as well.

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati Chief Executive – Helen Greatorex 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.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

**Yours Sincerely** 

On Behalf of The Information Governance Department