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I am responding to your request for information received 22 June 2023 and clarified on 27 June 2023. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request: As part of our research into the sexual safety on mental health wards in the UK, can I please request the following via FOI requests:

Question 1: The number of sexual safety incidents reported by patients on in-patient wards through the period Apr 2022 to March 2023?

Clarification: A sexual safety incident is a term used by the Care Quality Commission in reference to ANY incident of a sexual nature suffered by an in-patient, or staff member.

And which leads to the patient making a complaint.

This ranges from inappropriate sexual comment all the way up to sexual abuse/rape and everything in between.

Answer: The Trust recorded 26 reported incidents by patients on inpatient wards.

Question 2: How many formal Sexual Safety complaints have been made by patients on in-patient wards through the period Apr 2022-Mar 2023?

Answer: No sexual safety complaints were recorded within this time period.

Question 3: How many breaches of the single sex ward policy have been recorded (patients being placed on mixed wards) through the period Apr 2022-Mar 2023?

Clarification: How many recorded incidents of women being placed on all male wards through the period Apr 2022-Mar 2023?

*This would constitute a breach of the 'single sex ward policy'.

Answer: There were no breaches of single sex ward policy during this period.

Question 4: With regards sexual safety, who is the lead on your Trust board?

Answer: There is no individual Board lead for sexual safety. The Chief Medical Officer is responsible for patient safety whereas the Chief Operating Officer is responsible for the health and safety of patients and staff.

Question 5: Have you audited the collaborative 'Sexual Safety Standards' (2020) in your Trust and can you provide a copy of the report?

Answer: No. The Trust has not audited the collaborative 'Sexual Safety Standards' (2020).

Question 6: How many sexual safety incidents reported across the whole Trust services from April 2022 to March 2023.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here: question 2

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-06/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4704.pdf>



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