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I am responding to your request for information received 11 May 2023. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
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**Interim Chief Executive:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your hospital Trust.  
For each question, please can you provide data for the following years – 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 to date.

**Question 1:** How many sexual assaults were reported to the Trust?

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Year	Number of reported sexual assaults
2020	41
2021	61
2022	64
2023	42

**a) Of these allegations, please advise whether they were:**

- i) On Staff carried out by a staff Member**
- ii) On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor**
- iii) By Staff on a Patient**
- iv) By Staff on a visitor**
- v) On Staff carried out by a visitor**
- vi) On a patient carried out by a patient**

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Type of assault	Number
Actual sexual attack - by other on service user	17
Actual sexual attack - by other on staff	<5
Actual sexual attack - by service user on other	23
Actual sexual attack - by service user on service user	24
Actual sexual attack - by service user on staff	138
Actual sexual attack - by staff on service user	<5
Actual sexual attack - by staff on staff	<5

Please note: The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and therefore has the potential for those individuals to be identified. Therefore, we cannot provide this information which could contravene the Data Protection Act 2018 / UK GDPR.

**b) Of these alleged offences, how many were reported to the police?**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 1b of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—  
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and  
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

**c) If these alleged offences involved members of staff or contractors of the Trust, please outline whether disciplinary proceedings took place and what was the outcome?**



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Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Total number of offences	Outcome
2020	1	No case to answer
2021	8	6 - No case to answer 1 - Summary dismissal 1 - Informal resolution
2022	6	3 - No case to answer 2 - Summary Dismissal 1 - Refer to other policy
2023	2	2 - No case to answer

**Question 2: How many rapes were reported to the Trust?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2a of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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**b) Of these alleged offences, how many were reported to the police?**

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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2c of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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