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I am responding to your request for information received 17 June 2024 and clarified on 18 June and 4 July. 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.

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Request:

Question 1: How many sexual safety incidents has the Trust recorded where the alleged victim was a patient aged 60 or over and the alleged perpetrator was a staff member (including agency staff)?

Please provide figures for:
April 2021 to the end of March 2024 (total)
2021-22
2022-23
2023-24

Clarification: I'm seeking information in relation to all the hospitals that the Trust runs, responses can be combined unless you want to split them down.

Clarification: By 'sexual safety incidents' I am referring to allegations of sexual assault, specifically by patients aged 60 and over where the alleged perpetrator is a member of staff.

Answer: The Trust had no sexual safety incidents recorded during this period.

Question 2: Do you have a Sexual Safety policy in place that covers assaults on patients by staff?

Answer: No. The Trust does not currently have an actual policy in place, but discussions are underway to develop this in the context of the implementation of the Sexual Safety Charter from NHS England.

Question 3: Does the policy also explicitly address the sexual abuse of older people?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 4: Have staff received training on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia?

Answer: Yes. This is a voluntary training offered to staff who work within inpatient, mental health settings.

Question 5: What training have staff received on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia?

Answer: Sexual Safety Awareness and Support training is available to staff. The training equips staff to recognise signs of sexual violence, how to offer support and provide practical guidance.

Question 6: Is this training mandatory for staff dealing with patients with dementia?

Answer: No.

Question 7: If your hospital has incidents recorded, please provide more information:

Sex of victims
No. Male
No. Female
No. Other

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust had no recorded incidents.



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Question 8: Sex of alleged perpetrator
No. Male
No. Female
No. Other

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust had no recorded incidents.

Question 9: Role(s) of alleged perpetrators
HCA
Nursing Staff
Surgeon
Anaesthetist
Other

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust had no recorded incidents.

Question 10: Locations of alleged incidents (pls specify number for each incident)
Same Sex Ward
Single Sex Ward
Theatre
Public Area
Other

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust had no recorded incidents.

Question 11: Was incident reported to the police (please specify number for each incident)
Yes
No
Unknown

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust had no recorded incidents.

Question 12: If not reported, please give reasons for this:
Please indicate if outcome of any police investigations if known:

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust had no recorded incidents.

Question 13: Was a referral made to the local Sexual Assault Referral Centre? (please specify number for each incident) Yes/ No/ Unknown.

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust had no recorded incidents.

Question 14: Was the victim signposted to sexual violence support services (please specify number for each incident) Yes No Unknown

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust had no recorded incidents.



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