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I am responding to your request for information received 10 April 2025. 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:

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Request: Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with the following information about incidents of sexual harm and physical violence that have taken place at your trust. Incidents of sexual violence include, but are not limited to, sexual harassment, sexual abuse, sexual assault and rape. (See after the question for clarification on these definitions.)

Please ensure that the data you provide is for financial years, not calendar years.

Only include incidents that occurred on the trust's premises.

Definitions:

Sexual safety incidents include any behaviour of a sexual nature that is unwanted, or makes another person feel uncomfortable or afraid. This covers:

- **sexual assault:** when a person is coerced or physically forced to engage in sexual activity against their will, or when a person (of any gender) touches another person sexually without their consent.
- **sexual harassment:** any behaviour that is characterised by inappropriate sexual remarks, gestures or physical advances which are unwanted and make a person feel uncomfortable, intimidated or degrade their dignity.
- **Other sexual incidents:** where an individual may have witnessed or experienced something of a sexual nature that does not fit in to the categories of sexual harassment or assault, and which made the person feel uncomfortable and/or sexually unsafe.

Total sexual safety incidents

Question 1: How many sexual safety incidents did the trust record in the financial year 2024-25? (This includes incidents by all alleged perpetrators against all alleged victims: staff, patients, visitors, members of the public)

1.1 How many of these incidents took place on the trust premises?

1.2 How many sexual safety incidents on the trust premises did the trust record in the financial year 2023-24?*

1.3 How many sexual safety incidents on the trust premises did the trust record in the financial year 2022-23?*

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Sexual safety incidents by staff against patients

Question 2: How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients did the trust record in the 2024/25 financial year?

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Sexual violence and misconduct by patients against other patients

Question 3: How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patients did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.



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Sexual safety incidents by patients against staff

Question 4: How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Sexual safety incidents by staff against other staff

Question 5: How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against other staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Age of alleged victims

Question 6: How many of the sexual safety incidents did the trust record where the victim was a patient:

6.1 Under 18 (this includes under 16 and under 13)

6.2 Under 16 (this includes under 13)

6.3 Under 13

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Physical violence

Question 7: How many incidents of physical violence perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?

7.1 Do the trust's records of physical violence by patients distinguish between intentional/deliberate and un/non-intentional violence? (Unintentional violence might be due to lack of capacity, e.g. a symptom of dementia.)

7.2 If the trust does breakdown physical violence into intentional/deliberate and un/non-intentional violence, please provide the following data for the 2024-25 financial year:

- Number of intentional/deliberate incidents of physical violence by patients against staff.**
- Number of un/non-intentional violence incidents of physical violence by patients against staff.**

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.



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