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We are responding to your request for information received 1st July 2026. We are sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

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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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Request: I would like to make a Freedom of Information request.
Definitions used in this request:

- "Staff" means all individuals with authorised access to the trust's electronic patient record system(s), including substantive staff, bank staff, agency and locum staff, and students/trainees on placement.
- "Inappropriately accessed patient records" means access to a patient's record without clinical, administrative, or other business reason, as determined through the trust's own investigation and/or disciplinary process (regardless of whether the access was also reported as a data breach).

Question 1: How many members of staff received a disciplinary sanction for inappropriately accessing patients' records, in each of the following financial years:

- a) 2022-23
- b) 2023-24
- c) 2024-25
- d) 2025-26
- e) 2026-27 to date

Answer: a) 2022-23 – <5*
b) 2023-24 – <5*
c) 2024-25 – <5*
d) 2025-26 – <5*
e) 2026-27 to date – <5*

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

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.

The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and has the potential for those individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information.

Question 2: For each type of sanction, please also list the number of staff served with this type of sanction each year.

- a) 2022-23
- b) 2023-24
- c) 2024-25
- d) 2025-26
- e) 2026-27 to date

If this aggregate data is not held in a readily reportable format and would exceed the appropriate cost limit under section 12 of FOIA, I would be grateful if you could instead provide, for each year: (i) the total number of dismissals, and (ii) the total number of all other (non-dismissal) sanctions, as a reasonable proxy that should require substantially less staff time to compile.

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

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The information and breakdown you have requested relates to less than five individuals and has the potential for those individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information.

Question 3: How many staff were found, following investigation, to have inappropriately accessed patients' records but received no disciplinary sanction in each of the following financial years:

- a) 2022-23**
- b) 2023-24**
- c) 2024-25**
- d) 2025-26**
- e) 2026-27 to date**

Answer:

- a) 2022-23 - 0
- b) 2023-24 - 0
- c) 2024-25 - 0
- d) 2025-26 - 0
- e) 2026-27 to date - 0



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