

Ref: FOI/2024/9584

Date Received: 31st January 2024

Response Due: 28th February 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 31st January 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

The number of a) sexual assaults, b) rapes and c) sexual harassment/abuse offences reported at your trust, for the calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Please list:

The number of a) sexual assaults, b) rapes (including gang rapes - please specify) and c) sexual harassment/abuse offences reported per year.

a) Sexual assaults

21/22	16
22/23	Less than 5
23 to Dec 23	5

b) Rapes (including gang rapes - please specify)

No Category for 'Rape' on Datix Incident Report System – unable to provide any data for this question.

c) Sexual harassment/abuse offences

These figures are included in sexual assaults as Datix does not have a separate category for this.

- **of those, please specify:**
- **how many were reported to the police.**
21/22 Less than 5

22/23 Less than 5

Apr 23 to Dec 23 Less than 5

- **How many had staff listed as a suspect, and how many had staff listed as a victim.**

Suspect 0

Victim 22

- **how many had a patient(s) listed as a suspect, and how many had a patient(s) listed as a victim.**

Suspect Less than 5

Victim Less than 5

- **please also specify report outcomes, i.e. how many resulted in police action, without any identifiers**

We do not have outcomes from the police.

Please also provide a copy of your sexual safety policy

The Trust does not have a sexual safety policy but have attached the Referral to Health Independent Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.

The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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Associate Director of Governance & Patient Safety

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

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

Helpline number: 0303 123 111