



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-587

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Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 13th January 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding sexual abuse incidents

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request. Please can you tell me how many sexual abuse incidents and rapes (separately if you measure these separately, combined if you do not) have been recorded within your Trust in the years: 2017/8, 2018/19, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23 so far.**

**If possible, could you also inform me of what the Trust's response was to each of these incidents?**

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5 and <10  
*This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.*

2017/18: <5  
2018/19: 12  
2019/20: 12  
2020/21: 16  
2021/22: 20  
2022/23: <10 (up to the 18th January)

0 rapes have been recorded.

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



**Rachel Montinaro**  
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