



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-271

Date: 7th August 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 27th July 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Sexual assaults

As of 1st 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 How many patients have reported being sexually assaulted by another patient to the Trust between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2023?
Please can you break down the figure by year (i.e 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023).**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

FOI references:

417-2122- November
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343-2223 - September
068-2324 - May
087-2324 - May
249-2324 - July

Q2 How many patients have reported being sexually assaulted by a Trust staff member between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2023?

Please can you break down the figure by year (i.e 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023).

Definition: By sexual assault, I mean when someone touches another person in a sexual manner without their consent or when someone makes another person take part in a sexual activity with them without that person's consent.

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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.

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

Yours,



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