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Response Due: 11th November 2025

Date: 7th November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 14th October 2025, 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:

- 1. Can you provide a breakdown of sexual offences which have been reported in your trust for the last three financial years (2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25) Can this be broken down by whether the person making the accusation is a member of staff, a patient, or a member of the public.**

Clarification: Please could you provide some guidance as to what is meant by 'sexual offences'? Does this include inappropriate comments / harassment or assault, or both? The use of 'offences' suggests it is something that is criminal in nature?

Response: This would indeed mean inappropriate comments as well as harassment or assault. Not necessarily only criminal offences. I think a clearer way would be: Can this please include physical sexual assault as per the sexual offences act 2003 and/or any form of verbal sexual offence as well.

Financial Year	Staff Accusation	Patient Accusation	Member of the Public Accusation
2022/23	5	0	2
2023/24	8	1	1
2024/25	7	5	1

Please note: the 'Member of the Public Accusation' figures also include those which happened outside of the Trust.

- 2. How many staff members at your trust have been disciplined over the last three financial years (2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25) in relation to a sexual offence?**

2022/23 = 2.

2023/24 = 2.
2024/25 = 1.

3. How many staff members at your trust have been dismissed over the last three financial years (2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25) in relation to a sexual offence?

2022/23 = 1.
2023/24 = 1.
2024/25 = 0.

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,



Juliette Tait
Chief People Officer

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