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Response Due: 14th January 2026

Date: 14th January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 12th December 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:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1. How many sexual safety incidents took place in trust premises since 1 Jan 2020 to date?

Total
56

2. Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by calendar year*

a) 2020	b) 2021	c) 2022	d) 2023	e) 2024	f) 2025 to date
4	15	6	13	9	9

3. Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by type of sexual safety incident - e.g. a) rape, b) sexual assault etc

a) Rape	b) Sexual assault	c) Sexual harassment	d) Stalking	e) Abusive sexual remarks	f) Other
4	30	18	0	4	0

4. Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by age of victim in the following categories: a) under 18, b) 18-64 and c) 65 and over**

We are unable to provide the ages of the individual as this is not recorded centrally

a) Under 18	b) 18-64	c) 65+

5. Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by status of the victim and perpetrator in the following categories:

1. Perpetrator was a staff member and victim was staff member
2. Perpetrator was a member of the public (or patient) and victim was a member of the public (or patient)
3. Perpetrator was a member of the public (or patient) and victim was a staff member
4. Perpetrator was a staff member and victim was a member of the public (or patient)

a) staff against staff	b) public/patient against public/patient	c) public/patient against staff	d) staff against public/patient
0	16	34	6

6. Please provide a breakdown of the total number of rapes since 1 Jan 2020 (i.e. the answer to 3.a) by the age of the rape victim in the following categories: a) under 18, b) 18-64 and c) 65 plus**

We are unable to provide the ages of the individual as this is not recorded centrally

a) Under 18	b) 18-64	c) 65+

7. Does your trust have a dedicated policy to deal with sexual assault and harassment? If so please provide a copy of your trust's written policy and if possible provide a date that the current policy was put in place.

Please see attached

***If your trust records this information in tax year, please provide the following yearly totals instead: 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 to date.**

****If your trust records this information in different age categories, please provide any information on age of victim available.**

Please note these are incidents reported to the trust, we do not hold data on any police action or prosecutions.

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,



Ehsan Haqqani
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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
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111