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Date Received: 17th June 2024

Response Due: 15th July 2024

Date: 5th July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 17th June 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:

1. **How many sexual safety incidents has the trust recorded where the alleged victim was a patient aged 60 or over and the alleged perpetrator was a staff member (including agency staff)?**

Please provide figures for:

- **April 2021 to the end of March 2024 (total) = 0**
- **2021-22 = 0**
- **2022-23 = 0**
- **2023-24 = 0**

2. **Do you have a Sexual Safety policy in place that covers assaults on patients by staff?**

The Trust does not have a specific policy. We have a violence and aggression policy. The V&A policy is due for review and can be reviewed to cover sexual safety policy.

3. **Does the policy also explicitly address the sexual abuse of older people?**

No, the policy does not specifically cover this.

4. **Have staff received training on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia?**

No.

5. What training have staff received on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia?
Sexual abuse against people with dementia is not covered in our current dementia awareness sessions.

6. Is this training mandatory for staff dealing with patients with dementia?
All staff are required to complete dementia awareness training.

7. If your hospital has incidents recorded, please provide more information:

- Sex of victims
- No. Male
- No. Female
- No. Other

There have been no incidents recorded therefore this question is not applicable.

8. Sex of alleged perpetrator

- No. Male
- No. Female
- No. Other

There have been no incidents recorded therefore this question is not applicable.

9. Role(s) of alleged perpetrators

- HCA
- Nursing Staff
- Surgeon
- Anaesthetist
- Other

There have been no incidents recorded therefore this question is not applicable.

10. Locations of alleged incidents (pls specify number for each incident)

- Same Sex Ward
- Single Sex Ward
- Theatre
- Public Area
- Other

There have been no incidents recorded therefore this question is not applicable.

11. Was incident reported to the police (please specify number for each incident)

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

There have been no incidents recorded therefore this question is not applicable.

12. If not reported, please give reasons for this:
There have been no incidents recorded therefore this question is not applicable.

Please indicate if outcome of any police investigations if known:
There have been no incidents recorded therefore this question is not applicable.

13. Was a referral made to the local Sexual Assault Referral Centre? (please specify number for each incident)

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

There have been no incidents recorded therefore this question is not applicable.

14. Was the victim signposted to sexual violence support services (please specify number for each incident)

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

There have been no incidents recorded therefore this question is not applicable.

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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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