

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Total sexual safety incidents

1. How many sexual safety incidents did the trust record? (This includes incidents by all alleged perpetrators against all alleged victims: staff, patients, visitors, members of the public)

1.1 in 2022/23 financial year

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the Trusts website [EPUT.FOI.23.2971](#), [EPUT.FOI.23.3114](#) and therefore is applying a *Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means).

1.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Total sexual safety incidents	23/24 OT
Total	247

Sexual safety incidents by staff against patients

2. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients did the trust record?

2.1 in 2022/23 financial year

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2.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Staff against Patients	23/24 OT
Total	18

Sexual violence and misconduct by patients against other patients

3. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patients did the trust record?

3.1 in 2022/23 financial year

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3.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Patients against other Patients	23/24 OT
Total	81

Sexual safety incidents by patients against staff

4. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record?

4.1 in 2022/23 financial year

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4.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Patients against Staff	23/24 OT
Total	99

Sexual safety incidents by staff against other staff

5 How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against other staff did the trust record?

5.1 in 2022/23 financial year

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5.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Patients against Staff	23/24 OT
Total	8

Age of alleged victims

6. How many of the sexual safety incidents did the trust record where the victim was a patient:

6.1 Under 18 (this includes under 16 and under 13)

6.2 Under 16 (this includes under 13)

6.3 Under 13

Please provide figures for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.

Age of alleged victims	22/23 OT	23/24 OT	Total
Under 18	27	22	49
Under 16	7	11	18
Under 13	0	2	2
Total	34	35	69

7. How many incidents of physical violence perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record?

7.1 in 2022/23 financial year

7.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Physical Assault; Patients against Staff	22/23 OT	23/24 OT	Total
Total	1421	1955	3376

Terminology:

Sexual safety incidents include any behaviour of a sexual nature that is unwanted, or makes another person feel uncomfortable or afraid. This covers:

- **Sexual assault:** when a person is coerced or physically forced to engage in sexual activity against their will, or when a person (of any gender) touches another person sexually without their consent.
- **Sexual harassment:** any behaviour that is characterised by inappropriate sexual remarks, gestures or physical advances which are unwanted and make a person feel uncomfortable, intimidated or degrade their dignity.
- **Other sexual incidents:** where an individual may have witnessed or experienced something of a sexual nature that does not fit in to the categories of sexual harassment or assault, and which made the person feel uncomfortable and/or sexually unsafe.

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(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise

than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.