

**Reference Number:** FOI202526/019  
**From:** Press/Media  
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**Subject:** Incidents of sexual harm and physical violence taken place within the Trust

- Q1 How many sexual safety incidents did the trust record in the financial year 2024-25? (This includes incidents by all alleged perpetrators against all alleged victims: staff, patients, visitors, members of the public)
- 1.1 How many of these incidents took place on the trust premises?
  - 1.2 How many sexual safety incidents on the trust premises did the trust record in the financial year 2023-24?
  - 1.3 How many sexual safety incidents on the trust premises did the trust record in the financial year 2022-23?
- A1 Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
- 1.1 Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
  - 1.2 Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
  - 1.3 Zero
- Q2 How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients did the trust record in the 2024/25 financial year?
- A2 Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
- Q3 How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patients did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?
- A3 Zero
- Q4 How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?
- A4 Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
- Q5 How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against other staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?
- A5 Zero
- Q6 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

A6 6.1 Zero  
6.2 Zero  
6.3 Zero

Q7 How many incidents of physical violence perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?

7.1 Do the trust's records of physical violence by patients distinguish between intentional/deliberate and un/non-intentional violence? (Unintentional violence might be due to lack of capacity, e.g. a symptom of dementia.)

7.2 If the trust does breakdown physical violence into intentional/deliberate and un/non-intentional violence, please provide the following data for the 2024-25 financial year:

- Number of intentional/deliberate incidents of physical violence by patients against staff.
- Number of un/non-intentional violence incidents of physical violence by patients against staff.

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7.1 Information not held - Specific information not captured

7.2 18 - Patients who had delirium at time of assault/aggression.

The Trust is unable to respond to all or specific elements of your request where the response would indicate five or less individuals. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to reduce the risk of any individuals being identified. The Trust is of the view that disclosure of such information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and as such would constitute a breach of their personal data.

The Trust has applied exemption Section 40(2) of the FOIA and is therefore withholding the information as disclosure which may identify an individual would breach their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The grounds for application of this exemption include:

- Any data relating to patients or staff is third party data, furthermore health data is classified as sensitive personal data within the Data Protection Act 2018. As such, Section 40 (2) of the FOIA applies along with the Trusts duty of confidentiality. Therefore under s.2 (3) (f) (ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure on the grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection Principle.
- The Trust has a duty under the Data Protection Act 2018 and specifically the First Data Protection Principle to ensure personal data regarding staff and patients is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of such data which may identify an individual, either through the data alone or other data in conjunction with that data which may identify an individual would therefore breach this principle.
- The Data Protection Act 2018 defines sensitive personal data to include data relating to the "physical or mental health or condition" of a person. Any such information about specific individuals falls within this category and disclosure of such data including statistical data, with any potential likelihood of identification would breach the Data Protection Act 2018.

