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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

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**Original Request and Response**

I'm researching sexual misconduct and assault in the healthcare sector. Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information:

The number of offences relating to sexual misconduct (including rape, assault, groping, and sexually inappropriate language) that have been reported to your trust in the past five years (up to and including June 2022)

- A breakdown of this data which details:

The month and year an offence was reported

Who filed the report/complaint (i.e. patient, member of public, or staff member - please specify if they were aged over or under 18), what type of sexual misconduct report/complaint they filed, and who they filed the report/complaint against - i.e. Patient complaining against staff, staff complaining against staff, or staff complaining against patient?

The outcome of a reported offence - i.e. Was the alleged perpetrator disciplined? If so, how? And by whom? Was a payment made? Or, was the report/complaint dismissed?

How many and which sexual misconduct reports/complaints were reported to the police?

The number of non-disclosure agreements your organisation holds with current or former staff which involve or relate to sexual misconduct (including rape, assault, groping, and sexually inappropriate language)?

**Response:** Please find Excel document attached. Additionally, the Trust holds no non-disclosure agreements with any current or former members of staff.

If you are not satisfied that your Freedom of Information request has been dealt with in an adequate manner, you have the right to request a review, requiring us to review our action and response. To request a review of this response, please contact the FOI Officer, Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, St Catherine's Health Centre, Derby Road, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH42 0LQ or email: [WCNT.foi@nhs.net](mailto:WCNT.foi@nhs.net). You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request for review, you may ask the Information Commissioner to review our decision: The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, Telephone: 01625 545700.



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