FOI 0244/2023 Response

1. **The number of sexual safety incidents reported on in-patient wards from 2019 to the latest available month in 2023? – in each case can you specify who was affected (e.g. staff, patient etc.) and who the perpetrator was (e.g. staff, patient etc.) and specify the sex of the parties involved. Could you split the data month and year please (e.g. January 2023, February 2023 etc.)**

   Please see the table below and note the following:
   - The table lists the number of sexual safety incidents (including allegations) reported on an in-patient ward between January 2019 and August 2023.

   - The data has been split by perpetrator, victim, month & year.

   - The Incident reporting system is unable to report on gender for this information request.

   The Trust is unable to provide a response in the requested format (brown down by year and month).

   This is because disclosure of these details could lead to the identification of those involved and would therefore be likely to put their physical and mental health safety at risk.

   The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

Date	Incidents	Perpetrator		Victim	
		Staff	Patient	Staff	Patient
Jan -Dec 2019	46	8	34	29	16
Jan -Dec 2020	65	3	61	38	27
Jan -Dec 2021	113	18	94	85	26
Jan -Dec 2022	113	15	95	77	36
Jan -Aug 2023	134	5	123	106	26

Date	Perpetrator- 3rd Party	Victim- 3rd Party
January 2019 – August 2023	15	5

2. **How many formal sexual safety complaints have been made on in-patient wards from 2019 to the latest available month in 2023? – in each case can you specify the complainant (e.g. staff or patient etc.) and who the complaint was made against (e.g. staff or patient etc.) and specify the sex of the parties involved. Could you split the data month and year please (e.g. January 2023, February 2023 etc.)**

Formal Complaints and PALS cases relating to inpatient wards from the date received 1st January 2019 to 31st August 2023

- There are 6 cases by Patient.

- There are 18 cases by Staff.

- The gender of complainants by patients consisted of 2 female and 4 male.

- The gender of complainants by staff consisted of 12 female, 5 male and 1 where no gender was record as the complaint was anonymous.

- The Trust is unable to split the data per month. This is because disclosure of these details could lead to the identification of those involved and would therefore be likely to put their physical and mental health safety at risk.

    The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

- All of the complaints have been made by patients or on behalf of patients.

3. **How many breaches of the single sex ward policy have been recorded (patients being placed on mixed wards) from 2019 to the latest available month in 2023? – if possible, in each case can you specify the sex of the patient(s) affected. Could you split the data month and year please (e.g. January 2023, February 2023 etc.)**

NIL (0)

4. **How many sexual safety incidents reported across the whole Trust services from 2019 to the latest available month in 2023? - In each case can you specify who made the report (e.g. staff or patient etc.) and who was reported (e.g. staff or patient etc.) and specify the sex of the parties involved. Could you split the data month and year please (e.g. January 2023, February 2023 etc.)**

Please see the table below and note the following:

- The table lists the number of sexual safety incidents (including allegations) reported trust-wide between January 2019 and August 2023.

- The data has been split by perpetrator, victim, month & year.

- The Incident reporting system is unable to report on gender for this information request.

- The Trust is unable to split the data per month. This is because disclosure of these details could lead to the identification of those involved and would therefore be likely to put their physical and mental health safety at risk.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request

Date	Perpetrator			Victim	
	Incidents	Staff	3rd Party	Staff	Patient
Jan -Dec 2019	57	8	14	30	25
Jan -Dec 2020	74	3	6	39	33
Jan -Dec 2021	121	18	7	86	32
Jan -Dec 2022	124	17	6	81	43
Jan -Aug 2023	145	6	10	114	28

Date	Perpetrator- 3rd Party	Victim- 3rd Party
January 2019 – August 2023	43	10

5. **How many reports have been made to the police in relation to sexual safety incidents from 2019 to the latest available month in 2023? - Could you split the data month and year please (e.g. January 2023, February 2023 etc.)**

   The Trust is unable to provide a response to this query as we do not capture the requested information. Please note that the incident system has the capacity to record when police attended incidents at BSMHFT but not whether the victim has made a report to the police.

6. **Do you have an individual Board lead for sexual safety? - Please answer yes or no.**

   Yes

7. **Have you audited the collaborative 'Sexual Safety Standards' (2020) in your Trust? - Please answer yes or no. If yes, could you provide a copy of the report please.**

   The Trust has completed an audit of the Sexual Safety Standards and we are unable to provide a copy of the report.

   This is because our report is due to be reviewed within the appropriate governance forums in the coming weeks and therefore the requested information is intended for future publication.

   The Trust rely on exemption Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.