

FOI 040/2022 Response

Request

1) How many official complaints and PALS concerns your Trust received from patients alleging they had been discriminated against or badly treated by a member of staff because of their being overweight or obese.

Please do this by searching for complaints containing any of the words "weight", "fat", "obese", "overweight" and "bariatric" and filtering these to find those that refer to allegedly fat-shaming comments or actions made by a member of staff.

2) Can you select the first five such complaints from 2021 and provide me with the following details:

a. What type of staff member was the complaint levelled against? E.g. healthcare assistant, junior doctor, consultant, cleaner, kitchen staff

b. Please quote the words allegedly used by the hospital staff or summarise the offending action

c. Please tell me what, if any, action was taken by your trust in response to these five sample complaints from the beginning of 2021

Response

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this question as obtaining the requested data will require exhaustive and manual measures which exceeds the threshold of carrying out this task.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 to refuse this aspect of your request.