

FOI 074/2022 Response

Request

Dear FOI officer,

Hope you are well. 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:
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 - 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?

Response

The Trust is unable to provide a response to your query.

This is because the requested information is not recorded centrally and will require a manual search that exceeds the threshold of carrying out this task.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to refuse this request.