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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:** Sexual Assaults

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response						Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. In the years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, how many reports of rape or sexual assault were recorded in your hospitals? • Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25			
	Patient conduct - Sexual abuse / harassment to a member of staff	4	12	6	11	12			
	Patient conduct - Sexual abuse / harassment to other patient	3	0	0	1	2			
2. Of those incidents recorded in Q1, how many were alleged to have been carried out by NHS staff? • Please provide a further breakdown of how many were alleged to have taken place on hospital wards and by hospital and financial year.	Staff conduct - Sexual abuse / harassment of a member of staff	1	1	3	0	0			

<p>3. Of those incidents recorded in Q1, how many of these allegations were referred to the police? • Please provide a further breakdown of how many of these resulted in an arrest, charge, or conviction and also by hospital and financial year.</p>		Yes	Section 31	<p>The Trust holds information relating to incidents of this nature. However, we are unable to provide the information requested.</p> <p>All cases that would fall within this category, where an allegation is made against a member of staff, are managed in line with the Trust's Managing Allegations Against a Person in a Position of Trust policy. In some cases, these matters may also form part of criminal investigations or proceedings. Disclosure of the requested information could result in individuals being identified, either directly or indirectly, and would therefore breach data protection and confidentiality obligations.</p> <p>The information requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 31(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Law Enforcement), as disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice:</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the prevention or detection of crime;</li> <li>• the apprehension or prosecution of offenders; and</li> <li>• the administration of justice.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Providing a breakdown of police referrals and subsequent outcomes (including arrests, charges or convictions), particularly when broken down by hospital and financial year, could undermine ongoing or future investigations and law enforcement activity, and could discourage the reporting of allegations or cooperation with investigative processes.</p> <p>Section 31 is a qualified exemption and the Trust has therefore considered whether the public interest favours disclosure.</p> <p>The Trust recognises the public interest in transparency and accountability regarding how allegations are managed. However,</p>
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			<p>this is outweighed by the strong public interest in ensuring that allegations are properly investigated, that individuals' rights to a fair process are protected, and that the integrity of any criminal or regulatory proceedings is not compromised.</p> <p>On balance, the Trust considers that the public interest favours maintaining the exemption and withholding the information.</p>
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

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Yours faithfully

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