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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 034-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about assaults. Please find the Trust's response below.

For each year, from 2013-14 to 2017-18, the number of:

- Reported incidents of a sexual nature against staff by patients
- Reported incidents of a sexual nature against patients by patients
- Reports of physical sexual/indecent assault against staff by patients
- Reports of physical sexual/indecent assault against patients by patients
- Incidents of a sexual nature reported to police for all the above categories

Please note that following the appointment of the Trust's Local Security Management Specialist in November 2015 changes were made to the way incidents were reported to provide more robust recording.

2013/14 – The Trust does not hold this information

2014/15 - The Trust does not hold this information

2015/16 – The Trust does not hold the information to allow us to respond to all elements of the question, due to a change to the Trust's reporting software system; we are only able to provide numbers of incidents reported to the police

1 offence of patient on staff sexual assault reported to Police resulting in a caution

2016/17

- Reported incidents of a sexual nature against staff by patients = 13
- Reported incidents of a sexual nature against patients by patients = 0
- Reports of physical sexual/indecent assault against staff by patients =9
- Reports of physical sexual/indecent assault against patients by patients = 0
- Incidents of a sexual nature reported to police for all the above categories = 2

2017/18

- Reported incidents of a sexual nature against staff by patients = 33
- Reported incidents of a sexual nature against patients by patients = 11
- Reports of physical sexual/indecent assault against staff by patients = 7
- Reports of physical sexual/indecent assault against patients by patients = 5
- Incidents of a sexual nature reported to police for all the above categories = 8

Should you have any queries in relation to our response in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request and wish to ask us to review our response, you should write to:-

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If you are not content with the outcome of any review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for further advice/guidance. Generally, the ICO will not consider your case unless you have exhausted your enquiries with the Trust which should include considering the use of the Trust's formal complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Evans

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