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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 16th June 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

1. How many sexual safety incidents has the Trust recorded where the alleged victim was a patient aged 60 or over and the alleged perpetrator was a staff member (including agency staff)? **1**

Please provide figures for:

- April 2021 to the end of March 2024 (total)
 - 2021-22.1, **not substantiated.**
 - 2022-23
 - 2023-24
2. Do you have a Sexual Safety policy in place that covers assaults on patients by staff? **Yes**
 3. Does the policy also explicitly address the sexual abuse of older people? **No**
 4. Have staff received training on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia? **Not specifically for patients with dementia, the training discusses anyone lacking capacity not by diagnosis.**
 5. What training have staff received on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia? **Staff receive safeguarding training in accordance with the intercollegiate document.**
 6. Is this training mandatory for staff dealing with patients with dementia? **Yes**
 7. If your hospital has incidents recorded, please provide more information: Sex of victims.

- No. Male
- No. Female. **1**
- No. Other

8. Sex of alleged perpetrator

- No. Male. **1**
- No. Female.
- No. Other.

9. Role(s) of alleged perpetrators

- HCA
- Nursing Staff. **1**
- Surgeon
- Anaesthetist
- Other

10. Locations of alleged incidents (pls specify number for each incident)

- Same Sex Ward
- Single Sex Ward
- Theatre
- Public Area
- Other. **Home**

11. Was incident reported to the police (please specify number for each incident)

- Yes. **1**
- No.
- Unknown.

12. If not reported, please give reasons for this:

Please indicate if outcome of any police investigations if known:

No further action was taken by the police.

13. Was a referral made to the local Sexual Assault Referral Centre? (please specify number for each incident)

- Yes
- No. **No not appropriate given allegation**
- Unknown

14. Was the victim signposted to sexual violence support services (please specify number for each incident. **No**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be



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Yours sincerely



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