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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Sexual Safety Incidents patients aged 60+

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 the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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Chief Executive Paul Robinson

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
<p>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)?</p> <p>Please provide figures for: April 2021 to the end of March 2024 (total) 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24</p>	<p>There have been 0 cases in relation to the above allegations within this defined framework.</p>			
<p>2. Do you have a Sexual Safety policy in place that covers assaults on patients by staff?</p>	<p>Currently, any concerns such as this would be covered by both the Safeguarding Policies and the Trust's Disciplinary Policy. The Trust has appointed a People Promise Manager who is currently writing a Sexual Safety Policy. This is due to be ratified in August 2024.</p>			
<p>3. Does the policy also explicitly address the sexual abuse of older people?</p>	<p>The Sexual Safety Policy is currently being finalised. The Trust's Safeguarding and Disciplinary Policy would cover sexual abuse of older people, but would not state this explicitly.</p>			
<p>4. Have staff received training on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia?</p>	<p>Currently there is no mandatory training delivered to staff for dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia</p>			
<p>5. What training have staff received on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia?</p>	<p>N/A</p>			
<p>6. Is this training mandatory for staff dealing with patients with dementia?</p>	<p>N/A</p>			
<p>7. If your hospital has incidents recorded, please provide more information:</p> <p>Sex of victims - Male/Female/Other Sex of alleged perpetrator - Male/Female/Other</p>	<p>There have been 0 incidents in relation to the allegations outlined in Q1 within the specified timeframe.</p>			

<p>Role(s) of alleged perpetrators - HCA/Nursing Staff/Surgeon/Anaesthetist/other - Same Sex ward/Single Sex Ward/Theatre/Public Area/Other Was incident reported to the police (please specify number for each incident) - Yes/No If not reported, please give reasons for this: Was a referral made to the local Sexual Assault Referral Centre? (please specify number for each incident) - Yes/No Was the victim signposted to sexual violence support services (please specify number for each incident) - Yes/No</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.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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