

Freedom of Information Request

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***Note to Applicant:** As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

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

1. Reported incidents of a sexual nature against staff by patients

Please note: It is not possible to differentiate between assault and harassment as the Trust does not record it this way. To obtain this information would require an in depth review of each of the cases which would exceed the time and cost limits, as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit). The below figures detail only those allegations of a sexual nature.

- April 2013 – March 2014 – 1 case
- April 2014 – March 2015 – 3 cases
- April 2015 – March 2016 – 2 cases
- April 2016 – March 2017 – 2 cases
- April 2017 – March 2018 – 5 cases

***Please note that historical case information for former North Essex Partnership trust is only available from 2015 to date.**

2. Reported incidents of a sexual nature against patients by patients
To obtain this information would require an in depth review of each of the cases which would exceed the time and cost limits, as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit).
3. Reports of physical sexual/indecent assault against staff by patients
Please see response to Question 1
4. Reports of physical sexual/indecent assault against patients by patients
Please see response to Question 2
5. Incidents of a sexual nature reported to police for all the above categories
 - April 2013 – March 2014 – 1 case referred to safeguarding and the police
 - April 2014 – March 2015 – 3 cases referred to safeguarding and the police
 - April 2015 – March 2016 – 2 cases referred to safeguarding and the police
 - April 2016 – March 2017 – 2 cases referred to safeguarding and the police
 - April 2017 – March 2018 – All 5 cases were referred to safeguarding; 3 of the cases were referred to police.