

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

1. I would like to know whether NHS chaplains at the trust or other NHS chaplains have made comments after seeing patients who believe themselves to be possessed.  
The Trust does not record this information in the Chaplaincy.

EPUT has a small chaplaincy team that provides a personal, private, and confidential support service to patients and staff across our inpatient services. The chaplaincy service records the numbers of patients seen. We do not keep records of specific conversations during these contacts. We have processes in place to ensure appropriate escalation and management of matters of concern or safeguarding issues.

2. Please send me all case notes and/or email correspondence from 2022 which describes an NHS chaplain commenting on a patient and includes any of the following words:

"Possessed," "spirit," "jinn," "jin," "gin," "shayatin," "afarit," "exorcism," "devil," "satan," "satanic," "demon," "evil," "infestation," "subjection," "spectra," "occult," "witch," "Iblis," "nafs," "waswās," "dybbuk," "zebola," "awre," "sagwara," "shaitani," "gamba," "kitimiri," "inwatso," "loa," "iwa," "chwal," "māra," "kuei," "shaman," "Bhūtavidyā," "Bhaironji," "peye," "setan,"

As above, the Trust does not record this information in the Chaplaincy.

3. Please also send case notes and/or email correspondence from 2022 which describes an NHS chaplain commenting on a patient and includes any of the same words in their plural forms.

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