

Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: EPUT.FOI.23.2881
Date Received: 20th of March 2023

Information Requested:

- 1) What is the name of your trust
Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
- 2) How many mixed-gender accommodation units does your trust have?
7
- 3) How many communal areas does your trust have which can be accessed by all sexes?
7
- 4) How many reports of rape were reported between 2021 - 2022
 - a) in mixed-gender accommodation
 - b) in a communal area accessed by all sexes
 - c) on a single sex ward

The Trust records all aspects of Sexual misconduct and violence under the 'Sexual Safety' Category on its Risk Management system. The following data is the appropriate sub categories relevant to the request received.

Sexual misconduct covers a broad range of inappropriate, unwanted sexual behaviour. From the most severe forms of sexual violence, including rape and sexual assault, it also extends across to sexual harassment, stalking, and abusive or degrading remarks.

The NHS definition of sexual violence describes it as any sexual act that a person did not consent to, or is forced into against their will, including rape, sexual assault, unwanted sexual touching, forced kissing, child sexual abuse, sexual torture and other sexual offences.

We can provide sexual misconduct incidents for the period of 2021-2022 are already detailed in EPUT.FOI.22.2648. This is publicly available on the <https://eput.nhs.uk/media/lcfzszy/eput-foi-22-2648-response.pdf> website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

We can neither confirm nor deny whether some of the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety, in relation to mixed gender accommodation, communal areas and single sex ward. This is because the information requested is not held in an easily retrievable format, but may be recorded in individual records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete.

5) Of those reports how many were serious enough to refer to safeguarding which took place

- a) in mixed-gender accommodation
- b) in a communal area accessed by all sexes
- c) on a single sex ward

We can neither confirm nor deny whether some of the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety, in relation to referral to Safeguarding broken down by mixed gender accommodation, communal areas and single sex ward. This is because the information requested is not held in an easily retrievable format, but may be recorded in individual records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete.

6) Of those reports how many were serious enough to refer to the police which took place

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- c) on a single sex ward

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7) How many reports of sexual assault were reported between 2021 - 2022

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- 8) Of those reports how many were serious enough to refer safeguarding to which took place
 - a) in mixed-gender accommodation
 - b) in a communal area accessed by all sexes
 - c) on a single sex ward

[See Response to question 5](#)

- 9) Of those reports how many were serious enough to refer to the police which took place
 - a) in mixed-gender accommodation
 - b) in a communal area accessed by all sexes
 - c) on a single sex ward

[See Response to question 6](#)

- 10) How many reports of sexual exploitation were reported between 2021 - 2022
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 - b) in a communal area accessed by all sexes
on a single sex ward

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- 11) Of those reports how many were serious enough to refer to safeguarding which took place
 - a) in mixed-gender accommodation
 - b) in a communal area accessed by all sexes
 - c) on a single sex ward

[See Response to question 5](#)

- 12) Of those reports how many were serious enough to refer to the police which took place
 - a) in mixed-gender accommodation
 - b) in a communal area accessed by all sexes
 - c) on a single sex ward

[See Response to question 6](#)

- 13) How many reports of sexual misconduct were reported between 2021 - 2022 which took place
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- c) on a single sex ward

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15) Of those reports how many were serious enough to refer to the police which took place

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- c) on a single sex ward

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