

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I would like to know about the number of patients experiencing domestic abuse as opposed to staff.

1. Does your NHS Trust have a policy on handling domestic abuse and recording data from domestic abuse cases? If there is a policy, please could you supply a copy?

[Handling of domestic abuse and recording of data is part of the Safeguarding Policies. Attached are the relevant appendices \(Appendix 4: Responding to Domestic Abuse and Domestic Incident Reports; Appendix 7: Procedure for Domestic Abuse\)](#)

2. Does your NHS Trust record sexual orientation from Domestic Abuse cases and/ or the sex of the victim and perpetrator?

[The Trust does not routinely record sexual orientation or gender as a direct link with Domestic Abuse cases. However, this information would be noted in clinical records as forms part of a clinician's assessment, care plans and any safeguarding enquiries that are initiated.](#)

3. If your answer is yes to question 2, please provide the following information:

- How many domestic abuse cases were received each month in the period between 1st January 2018 to 1st November 2023?

[N/A](#)

- How many of these cases were domestic abuse cases involving people who identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer?

[Please see response to question 2.](#)

- How many of these cases were domestic abuse cases which involved a male victim and female perpetrator?

[Please see response to question 2.](#)

4. How often do NHS staff receive training on domestic abuse?

From a safeguarding perspective staff receive training:

[Domestic Abuse training is delivered as part of the Trust mandatory training programme for safeguarding adults and children. The Trust Safeguarding Training Framework \(CLPG39 & CLPG37 Appendix 1\) and the Induction, Mandatory and Essential Training Procedure \(HRPG21\) outlines the training requirement and mandated periods for all EPUT staff.](#)

5. Do NHS staff receive specific training for domestic abuse involving people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or heterosexual male victims?

[Yes](#)

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