

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Following the Channel 4 documentary on 10/10/22 showing abuse of patients in EPUT, Essex County Council's (ECC) organisational safeguarding team started an investigation into EPUT. I'd like to know what happened with that.

ECC replied to a FOIA request on the matter here:

https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2Freport_on_your_institutional_saf&data=05%7C01%7CEpunft.FOI%40nhs.net%7C98165abcb11e471cb49308dba95d5974%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774e3%7C0%7C0%7C638289990626463179%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAilCJQljojV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=S5z7DAEOtqf7Xc1NP4Bqa3szYMVONF75BWezph63Lqg%3D&reserved=0

They plead Section 30(1)(a)-(c) of the FOIA which section exempts them from providing information on investigations they do (a) to discover whether a person should be charged with an offence or is guilty of an offence (b) which may lead to a criminal prosecution and (c) on other criminal proceedings they have the power to conduct.

I have not contested the exemptions they've claimed, suffice for me that they are in relation to potential - and I emphasise the word "potential" - criminal activity by your staff. However, you would have information on this enquiry they did into you and, well, you're not covered by S.30 as you're not the investigating body.

Please provide:

1. The original communication/s from Essex County Council when they initiated the investigation. These would have informed you about, for example, the investigation, the scope of the investigation and what their team were requesting of you.

[The Trust does not hold any information within the scope of this request](#)

2. If the enquiry is over, the final determinations from the enquiry (which ECC would no doubt have shared with you).

You can, of course, redact names of patients / family of patients, I would expect nothing less, but please note that you don't have blanket authority to redact names of your staff.

[The Trust does not hold any information relevant to your request.](#)

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