

vFreedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please can you tell me how many sexual abuse incidents and rapes (separately if you measure these separately, combined if you do not) have been recorded within your trust in the years: 2017/8, 2018/19, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23 so far.

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the <https://eput.nhs.uk/media/lecfzsyx/eput-foi-22-2648-response.pdf> website for the year covering 2017/8, 2018/19, 2020/21, 2021/22 and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust takes all reports of sexual misconduct seriously and all reports are recorded pending thorough investigation and regardless of outcome.

All staff have a professional duty to report concerns and a lot of work has taken place across the Trust to build a culture in which colleagues and patients are encouraged to report concerns via our Freedom to Speak Up network and Patient Liaison Service in addition to our formal incident reporting systems.

Clear systems are in place to ensure all reported incidents are recorded and investigated swiftly and all staff take regular mandatory safeguarding training reminding them of the importance of reporting concerns and how to do so.

Sexual Violence and misconduct by staff against patients	2022
Safety from Sexual Harm - Staff on Service User	7
Sexual Harassment - Staff on Service User	1
Sexual Assault - Staff on Service User	1
Total	9

Sexual violence and misconduct by patients against other patients	2022
Safety from Sexual Harm - Service User on Service User	19
Sexual Harassment - Service User on Service User	11
Sexual Assault - Service User on Service User	9
Other Sexual Incident - Service User on Service User	12
Total	51

Sexual violence and misconduct by patients against staff	2022
Safety from Sexual Harm - Service User on Staff	29
Sexual Harassment - Service User on Staff	15
Sexual Assault - Service User on Staff	12
Other Sexual Incident - Service User on Staff	9
Sexual Grooming - Service User on Staff	1
Total	66

Sexual violence and misconduct by staff against other staff	2022
Safety from Sexual Harm - Staff on Staff	2
Sexual Harassment - Staff on Staff	1
Sexual Assault - Staff on Staff	1
Other Sexual Incident - Staff on Staff	1
Total	5

Sexual violence and misconduct by visitors against patients	2022
Safety from Sexual Harm - Other on Service User	10
Sexual Assault - Other on Service User	6
Other Sexual Incident - Other on Service User	1
Sexual Abuse - Other on Service User	1
Sexual Grooming - Other on Service User	1
Total	19

Sexual violence and misconduct by visitors against staff	2022
Sexual Harassment - Other on Staff	2
Other Sexual Incident - Other on Staff	1
Total	3

If possible, could you also inform me of what the trust's response was to each of these incidents?

We can neither confirm nor deny whether some of the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. 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. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

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