

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. How many sexual safety incidents has the trust recorded where the alleged victim was a patient aged 60 or over and the alleged perpetrator was a staff member (including agency staff)?

Please provide figures for:

April 2021 to the end of March 2024 (total)

2021-22	Zero (0)
2022-23	Zero (0)
2023-24	Zero (0)

2. Do you have a Sexual Safety policy in place that covers assaults on patients by staff?

Sexual Safety with regards to assaults on patients is covered in the Safeguarding Policy.

3. Does the policy also explicitly address the sexual abuse of older people?

The Safeguarding Policy covers all adults and is in line with Southend Essex and Thurrock guidelines. Please contact www.essexsab.org.uk if you require this guideline to be provided.

4. Have staff received training on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia?

This is part of the level 3 Safeguarding training and specific Sexual Safety training.

5. What training have staff received on dealing with sexual abuse against people with dementia?

The safeguarding training covers abuse on older adults and is not specific for people with Dementia. The training covers all categories of abuse including sexual abuse.

6. Is this training mandatory for staff dealing with patients with dementia?

Safeguarding training is mandatory for all staff appropriate to their position held within the Trust (covering levels 1, 2 and 3 – which is set out within the Royal College of Nursing intercollegiate guidance).

7. If your hospital has incidents recorded, please provide more information:

Sex of victims N/A

No. Male

No. Female

No. Other

8. Sex of alleged perpetrator N/A

No. Male

No. Female

No. Other

9. Role(s) of alleged perpetrators N/A

HCA

Nursing Staff

Surgeon

Anaesthetist

Other

10. Locations of alleged incidents (pls specify number for each incident) N/A

Same Sex Ward

Single Sex Ward

Theatre

Public Area

Other

11. Was incident reported to the police (please specify number for each incident) N/A

Yes

No

Unknown

12. If not reported, please give reasons for this: N/A

Please indicate if outcome of any police investigations if known:

13. Was a referral made to the local Sexual Assault Referral Centre?
(please specify number for each incident) Yes No Unknown N/A

14 Was the victim signposted to sexual violence support services (please specify number for each incident) Yes No Unknown N/A

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