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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5483

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 13th December 2022.

Your request was as follows:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, relating to the use of non-disclosure agreements. I define non-disclosure agreements as a contract through which the parties agree not to disclose information covered by the agreement. Please note, there are four parts to my request.

Between financial years 2017/18 and 2021/2022 has the Trust issued a non-disclosure agreement to resolve a sexual harassment case?

If so, how many non-disclosure agreements were used between financial years 2017/18 and 2021/2022 by the Trust to resolve sexual harassment cases?

If possible, please state how many of these non-disclosure agreements were agreed where a patient was one of the parties.

If possible, please state how many of these non-disclosure agreements were agreed where a member of staff (both former or current) was one of the parties.

[I can confirm that the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust has not issued any non-disclosure agreements for the financial years requested.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5483 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Mike Burns

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