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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6160

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 06th February 2024.

Your request was as follows:

Could I submit an FOI requesting the follow from 2018 to present please -

The number of NHS staff (across registered professionals and non-registered professionals) who have faced misconduct or gross misconduct over the following examples:

- abusive or violent behaviour towards another employee, member of public or patient
- ill-treatment or mishandling of patients
- harming patients
- sexual abuse or assault
- professional misconduct
- abuse of position or power
- falsifying records

I can confirm since 2018, the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust have had the following number of of NHS staff (across registered professionals and non-registered professionals) face misconduct or gross misconduct:-

- abusive or violent behaviour towards another employee, member of public or patient - 0
- ill-treatment or mishandling of patients - 0
- harming patients - 0
- sexual abuse or assault - 0
- professional misconduct - 3*
- abuse of position or power - 0
- falsifying records - 1*

*The WCFT have chosen to provide these figures as totals rather than broken down by year, under section 40 (2) of the FOIA, as due to the small amount of incidents to provide further information may lead to individuals being identified.

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6160 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 by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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