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Our Ref: MB/SH FOI 6152

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6152

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 31st January 2024.

Your request was as follows:

I am writing to request the following from your NHS trust under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

The number of a) sexual assaults, b) rapes and c) sexual harassment/abuse offences reported at your trust, for the calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Please list:

- the number of
 - a) sexual assaults,
 - b) rapes (including gang rapes - please specify) and
 - c) sexual harassment/abuse offences reported per year
- of those, please specify:
 - how many were reported to the police
 - how many had staff listed as a suspect, and how many had staff listed as a victim
 - how many had a patient(s) listed as a suspect, and how many had a patient(s) listed as a victim
 - please also specify report outcomes, i.e. how many resulted in police action, without any identifiers

Please also provide a copy of your sexual safety policy.

[Please see the attached Word document and the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trusts Management of Violent and Aggressive Individuals Policy.](#)

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

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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 6152 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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