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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 221040.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act I am writing to seek answers/obtain information to the following:**

- 1. Does your organisation have a policy that covers sexual safety, specifically preventing episodes of sexual misconduct and sexual violence involving patients, visitors and staff?**  
Please see the attached Dignity at work policy.
- 2. If your answer to question 1 was yes, please can you forward an electronic copy of the policy to me?**  
Attached.
- 3. If your answer to question 1 was yes, what date did the policy become effective?**  
Dates mentioned within the policy.
- 4. If you have updated your policy within the past five years, please can you provide me with an electronic copy of the policy it replaced? If the information is available, please can you specify how your current policy is now different.**  
Latest policy attached.
- 5. Has your organisation accepted vicarious liability for any cases of sexual assault or violence concerning any staff or patients in the past five years (2017 to date) (Please include any cases that may have led to an out of court settlement.)**  
No
- 6. a) If your answer to question 5 was yes, please can you provide figures, specifically for the total number of cases and total compensation paid per year.**

**b) If possible, can you provide a breakdown for each case, specifying year; cost; whether the claimant was a patient, staff member or other (please specify): and whether the perpetrator was a staff member or patient?**

N/A

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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