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Dear ,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240712.

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

- 1. A list of the number of all employees accused or arrested on charges of child sexual abuse from January 1, 2019, until the day this request is fulfilled.**

The Trust can confirm that this information exists but that the total count is fewer than 10* employees in the period requested.

*Less than 10; in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) guidance regarding anonymisation of data, we are unable to provide exact figures as these could support possible identification of individual data subjects via data recombination.

Please consider the timeframe listed in request (1) above for all subsequent requests below.

- 2. A breakdown of the different crimes reported: rape, grooming, groping, lewd acts, anal or vaginal penetration, and other examples listed as crime by the Home Office.**

In most cases the police service does not disclose the exact detail of sexual allegations against Trust employees. No statistical record of this information is maintained within Trust records, therefore the breakdown information you request cannot be provided.

- 3. All disciplinary files or records of employees investigated for child sexual abuse. This request relates to employees whose names have already been released into the public domain and as such, Section 40 of the Act which exempts sensitive information on the identity of these employees cannot be applied to this request.**

Disciplinary and other employment records relating to individual data subjects are considered confidential under UK GDPR. This type of information is not disclosable under the FOIA 2000; this is provided for under Section 40 of the act which you reference. This confidentiality is not superseded by appearance of a data subjects name in the public domain, in connection with any other matter, therefore the information you request cannot be provided.

- 4. An annual summary from 2019 of all legal costs, settlements, or restitution paid to affected families of these children.**

There have been no payments of this type, or other costs to the Trust, within the period requested.

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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