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Dear ,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240801.

You requested the following information, please see our response below and on the attached spreadsheet:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with the following information about sexual safety incidents that have taken place at your trust, including but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual abuse, sexual assault and rape. (See after the question for clarification on these definitions.)

In order to assist you, I understand that some, if not all of this information should be recorded in the trust's safety incident reporting system, or it may be recorded by your HR team.

Please use the attached spreadsheet to provide your answers, and to explain any gaps in your data.

Total sexual safety incidents

1. How many sexual safety incidents did the trust record? (This includes incidents by all alleged perpetrators against all alleged victims: staff, patients, visitors, members of the public)

1.1 in 2022/23 financial year

1.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Sexual safety incidents by staff against patients

2. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients did the trust record?

2.1 in 2022/23 financial year

2.2 in 2023/24 financial year



Sexual violence and misconduct by patients against other patients

3. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patients did the trust record?

3.1 in 2022/23 financial year

3.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Sexual safety incidents by patients against staff

4. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record?

4.1 in 2022/23 financial year

4.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Sexual safety incidents by staff against other staff

5 How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against other staff did the trust record?

5.1 in 2022/23 financial year

5.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Age of alleged victims

6. How many of the sexual safety incidents did the trust record where the victim was a patient:

6.1 Under 18 (this includes under 16 and under 13)

6.2 Under 16 (this includes under 13)

6.3 Under 13

Please provide figures for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.

7. How many incidents of physical violence perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record?

7.1 in 2022/23 financial year

7.2 in 2023/24 financial year

Terminology:

Sexual safety incidents include any behaviour of a sexual nature that is unwanted, or makes another person feel uncomfortable or afraid. This covers:

- **sexual assault:** when a person is coerced or physically forced to engage in sexual activity against their will, or when a person (of any gender) touches another person sexually without their consent.
- **sexual harassment:** any behaviour that is characterised by inappropriate sexual remarks, gestures or physical advances which are unwanted and make a person feel uncomfortable, intimidated or degrade their dignity.
- **Other sexual incidents:** where an individual may have witnessed or experienced something of a sexual nature that does not fit in to the



categories of sexual harassment or assault, and which made the person feel uncomfortable and/or sexually unsafe.

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N.B. If you require any clarification, please contact me under your Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance.

Please use the spreadsheet below to provide your answers, following the Court of Appeal decision in Innes vs Information Commissioner and Buckinghamshire County Council (2014) GIA/3436/2011 regarding the format of the response, i.e. you should provide the response in the format requested.

I have provided this spreadsheet in both Excel and CSV formats. You only need to fill out one version.

Please see our response in the attached spreadsheet.

*Less-than-10 caveat. The Trust can confirm that this information exists but – where an output represents fewer than 10 individuals or incidents in the period requested – we do not provide exact figures. This practice is known as data blurring, which serves to mitigate against the risk of possible re-identification of individual data subjects via data recombination. This risk is assessed in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) [Anonymisation Code of Practice](#), in relation to Section 40(2) of the FOIA 2000.

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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