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Email:

Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240156.

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

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**

We don't hold the data exactly as requested so provided the closest that we record.

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	Directed Verbal Abuse (Sexually Aggravated)	Physical Assault (Sexually Aggravated)	Total
2021	19	14	33
2022	25	15	40
2023	54	19	73

Please also provide a copy of your sexual safety policy.

The Trust has signed up to the NHSE Sexual Safety Charter that will be fully implemented by July 2024, and have undertaken over the past year training to support the 'Until it Stops' Campaign. As part of the charter this is being reviewed and expanded for different audiences including bystanders.

The Sexual Safety Policy is currently being developed.

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:

FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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