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Dear ,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

**FOI Request**

**YOUR ORIGINAL REQUEST:**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1.How many **sexual safety incidents** took place in trust premises since 1 Jan 2020 to date?

<u>Total</u>

2.Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by **calendar year\***

<u>a) 2020</u>	<u>b) 2021</u>	<u>c) 2022</u>	<u>d) 2023</u>	<u>e) 2024</u>	<u>f) 2025 to date</u>

3.Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by **type of sexual safety incident** - e.g. a) rape, b) sexual assault etc

<u>a) Rape</u>	<u>b) Sexual assault</u>	<u>c) Sexual harassment</u>	<u>d) Stalking</u>	<u>e) Abusive sexual remarks</u>	<u>f) Other</u>



4. Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by **age of victim** in the following categories: a) under 18, b) 18-64 and c) 65 and over\*\*

a) Under 18	b) 18-64	c) 65+

5. Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by **status of the victim and perpetrator** in the following categories:

1. Perpetrator was a staff member and victim was staff member
2. Perpetrator was a member of the public (or patient) and victim was a member of the public (or patient)
3. Perpetrator was a member of the public (or patient) and victim was a staff member
4. Perpetrator was a staff member and victim was a member of the public (or patient)

a) staff against staff	b) public/patient against public/patient	c) public/patient against staff	d) staff against public/patient

6. Please provide a breakdown of the total number of **rapes** since 1 Jan 2020 (i.e. the answer to 3.a) by the **age of the rape victim** in the following categories: a) under 18, b) 18-64 and c) 65 plus\*\*

a) Under 18	b) 18-64	c) 65+

7. Does your trust have a dedicated policy to deal with sexual assault and harassment? If so please provide a copy of your trust's written policy and if possible provide a date that the current policy was put in place.

\*If your trust records this information in tax year, please provide the following yearly totals instead: 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 to date.

\*\*If your trust records this information in different age categories, please provide any information on age of victim available.

I would appreciate it if you could acknowledge receipt of this request and CC in my colleagues [Jim.Reed@bbc.co.uk](mailto:Jim.Reed@bbc.co.uk) and [Alex.Fleming-Brown@bbc.co.uk](mailto:Alex.Fleming-Brown@bbc.co.uk)

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me over email.



## **Formal Response**

1. How many **sexual safety incidents** took place in trust premises since 1 Jan 2020 to date?
2. Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by **calendar year**\*
3. Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by **type of sexual safety incident** - e.g. a) rape, b) sexual assault etc
4. Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by **age of victim** in the following categories: a) under 18, b) 18-64 and c) 65 and over\*\*
5. Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by **status of the victim and perpetrator** in the following categories:
  1. Perpetrator was a staff member and victim was staff member
  2. Perpetrator was a member of the public (or patient) and victim was a member of the public (or patient)
  3. Perpetrator was a member of the public (or patient) and victim was a staff member
  4. Perpetrator was a staff member and victim was a member of the public (or patient)

**Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request if we estimate that the cost of doing so would exceed the appropriate limit.**

**The limit is set by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and is currently £450, which equates to 18 hours of staff time.**

**After reviewing your request, we have determined that fulfilling it would exceed this limit. Therefore, we are refusing your request under Section 12 of the Act.**

### **Question 6**

6. Please provide a breakdown of the total number of **rapes** since 1 Jan 2020 (i.e. the answer to 3.a) by the **age of the rape victim** in the following categories: a) under 18, b) 18-64 and c) 65 plus\*\*

**We are not able to answer this question as the Trust does not record this information.**

### **Question 7**

Does your trust have a dedicated policy to deal with sexual assault and harassment? If so please provide a copy of your trust's written policy and if possible provide a date that the current policy was put in place.

**Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. If the requested material is already publicly available or can be obtained without undue difficulty, we are not required to provide it under FOIA.**

**In such cases, we will confirm that we hold the information and provide details of where and how it can be accessed, ensuring compliance with the Act while avoiding duplication**

**This information can be found here** - [Trust Policies & Procedures - NHS South East Coast Ambulance Service](#)

### **Next steps**

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: [FOI@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@secamb.nhs.uk)

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.

We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](#) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints).

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:  
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Coordinator  
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**