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Internal Reference: 260402
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **01/04/2026**.
We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
Please ensure you quote the Internal Reference number above in any future correspondence.

Please accept the Trust's apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding your FOIA request.

Your Request

Can I please request the following information for each individual calendar year: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and for the period between 1st of January 2026 - 1st April 2026

- 1) Please state the number of reports, complaints or allegations of any sexual offence (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, rape, indecent exposure) made by staff and volunteers at SECAMB against other staff and volunteers at SECAMB.
- 2) How many staff members or volunteers have been suspended following reports, complaints or allegations of any sexual offence (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, rape, indecent exposure) made by staff and volunteers at SECAMB against other staff and volunteers at SECAMB.
- 3) How many staff members or volunteers have had their contracts terminated following reports, complaints or allegations of any sexual offence (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, rape, indecent exposure) made by staff and volunteers at SECAMB against other staff and volunteers at SECAMB.



Formal Response

1) The number of reports complaints or allegations of any sexual offence (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, rape, indecent exposure) made by staff and volunteers at SECAMB against other staff and volunteers at SECAMB:

- 2021 - 19
- 2022 - 28
- 2023 - 41
- 2024 - 17
- 2025 - 11
- 2026 - 2

2) The Trust does not record this information.

3) Over the past 12 months, 10 incidents relating to sexual safety have resulted in the dismissal of staff members.

For the years 2021- 2024 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we have applied section 12. 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. In accordance with section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Trust has a duty to provide advice and assistance to help you refine your request. You may wish to narrow the scope, for example by limiting the request to a shorter date range (such as the most recent 12 months), requesting data for a smaller number of years, or focusing on one part of the request (e.g., reports/complaints/allegations only). If you are able to clarify or reduce the scope in this way, we will be happy to reconsider and respond to a revised request.

Next steps

Some information held by the Trust is routinely published on our [website](#) and may be of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Requests for an internal review should be submitted within **40 working days** of the date of this response and should be sent to:

Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance at FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

The internal review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in handling your original request, ordinarily the Trust's Data Protection Officer. We aim to complete internal reviews within **20 working days** of receipt.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.

The easiest way to raise a complaint is via the ICO's website:

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you may write to:
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team

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