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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4999

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 21st December 2021.

Your request was as follows:

I would like to be provided with the following information regarding third-party sexual harassment. The definition of third-party sexual harassment is when a staff member is harassed by a patient. The harassment can constitute inappropriate language, inappropriate touching, unwanted sexual advances, and sharing or sending of lewd images on social media.

1. Please confirm how many reports of third-party sexual harassment your Trust has received from staff members between 31 October 2013 and 31 October 2021.

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust has received 21 third-party sexual harassment reports from staff members between 31 October 2013 and 31 October 2021.](#)

2. Does your Trust have a policy to manage third-party sexual harassment?

[Violence and Aggression Policy \(Includes sanctions process for patients with capacity\)](#)

3. If your Trust has a policy on third-party sexual harassment, what were the outcomes of any complaints made to you by staff members? If it does not push the request over the cost limit please provide a summary of the allegation (such as inappropriate touching, inappropriate messages or rape) and the outcome, including what disciplinary action, if any, was taken. Additionally, if it does not push the request over the cost limit, please provide the race and gender of both the person making the allegation and who the allegation was against.

[Please see attached.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4999 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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