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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4732

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 11th May 2021.

Your request was as follows:

Could you please tell me for the calendar year 2020:

1) How many complaints through the patient advice and liaison system (PALS) your Trust received from patients alleging they had been discriminated against or badly treated by a member of staff because of their being overweight or obese

Please do this by searching for complaints containing any of the words "weight", "fat", "obese", "overweight" and "bariatric" and filtering these to find those that refer to fat-shaming comments made by a member of staff.

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust can confirm there were no complaints relating to patients alleging they had been discriminated against or badly treated by a member of staff because of their being overweight or obese in the calendar year 2020.](#)

2) Can you select the first five such complaints from 2020 and provide me with the following details:

a. What type of staff member was the complaint levelled against? E.g. healthcare assistant, junior doctor, consultant, cleaner, kitchen staff

b. Please quote the words allegedly used by the hospital staff or summarise the offending action

c. Please tell me what, if any, action was taken by your trust in response to these five sample complaints from the

beginning of 2020

N/A

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4732 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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