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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5551

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 20th January 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1. What is the current size of your workforce? Please include both staff and volunteers in this figure.

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) currently have 1556 staff members and 40 active volunteers.

2. Currently, how many members of staff and volunteers have not been DBS checked within the past three years?

Staff who have not been DBS checked within the past three years - 1158

All prospective volunteers receive a DBS check before being offered a role at The WCFT.

3. Currently, how many members of staff and volunteers have never been DBS checked?

Staff Members 398

All prospective volunteers receive a DBS check before being offered a role at The WCFT.

4. What is the current size of your 'patient facing' workforce? I define 'patient facing' as staff or volunteers with direct hands-on or close contact with patients.

1148.

5. Currently, how many members of your 'patient facing' staff and volunteers have not been DBS checked within the past three years?

821.

6. Currently, how many members of 'patient facing' staff and volunteers have never been DBS checked

166.

7. In the past ten years how many members of your workforce have committed sexual misconduct?

Of those, how many were referred to the DBS?

There have been 6 alleged incidents in the past 10 years, none of which were referred to the DBS.

Please see our response above in blue.

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5551 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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