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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. We have set out your request, together with our response below.

Please provide the number of allegations reported within your trust, clinical commissioning group or other care setting as defined of:

- a) Rape
- b) Sexual assault
- c) Sexual harassment
- d) Sexual misconduct

Table 1: Total number of incidents reported as allegation of inappropriate sexual behaviour (non-physical contact)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to DHCFT Staff	1	1	1		3
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Other Party			1		1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Patient	6	1	5	1	13
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Other Party to DHCFT Staff			5	1	6
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT Staff	9	13	31	15	68
Total	16	15	43	17	91

Table 2: Total number of incidents reported as allegation of sexual assaults (physical contact)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to DHCFT Staff		2	1		3
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Patient	3	7	13	1	24
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT Staff	4	17	9		30
Total	7	26	23	1	57

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
DHCFT Community Site	3	1	6	1	11
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to DHCFT Staff			1		1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Other Party to DHCFT Staff			2	1	3
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT Staff	3	1	3		7
DHCFT Hospital Site	6	14	25	15	60
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to DHCFT Staff		1			1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Patient	1	1	2	1	5
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Other Party to DHCFT Staff			1		1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT Staff	5	12	22	14	53
Offsite - Other	3		4		7
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to DHCFT Staff	1				1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Other Party			1		1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Patient	2				2
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Other Party to DHCFT Staff			2		2
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT Staff			1		1
Offsite - Patient's Home	3		6	1	10
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Patient	2		2		4
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT Staff	1		4	1	6
Offsite - Residential Care Home			1		1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT			1		1

Staff					
Unknown at present	1		1		2
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Patient	1		1		2
Total	16	15	43	17	91

2. Please advise the location of these offences and or alleged offences broken down by location Mental Health Unit, Hospital, Other Hospital Setting to be clearly defined.

Table 3: Total number of incidents reported as allegation of inappropriate sexual behaviour (non-physical contact) – grouped by location of incident (setting type)

Table 4: Total number of incidents reported as allegation of sexual assaults (physical contact) – grouped by location of incident (setting type)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
DHCFT Community Site	2				2
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Patient	1				1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT Staff	1				1
DHCFT Hospital Site	4	25	21	1	51
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to DHCFT Staff		2	1		3
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Patient	2	6	12	1	21
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT Staff	2	17	8		27
Offsite - A&E (Accident & Emergency)			1		1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Patient			1		1
Offsite - Other	1	1			2
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - DHCFT Staff to Patient		1			1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT Staff	1				1
Offsite - Patient's Home			1		1
Abuse/Aggression (Actual or Alleged) - Patient to DHCFT Staff			1		1
Total	7	26	23	1	57

3. Please provide this data for the last three years, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date.

Please see table 1 and 2 – the incident period is between 01/01/2019 and 17/03/2022

4. Please provide a month by month and location

Please see table 3 and 4 – the incident period is between 01/01/2019 and 17/03/2022

5. Please identify if these allegations are

- A On Staff carried out by a staff Member
- B On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor
- C By Staff on a Patient
- D by Staff on a visitor
- E On Staff carried out by a visitor

6. For each of these allegations please advise if a suspect was identified and or arrested

The Trust's Incident Reporting system does not have standalone field to identify which incidents are true, as most of the incidents reported are allegation or disclosure without the investigation outcome.

7. If a suspect was identified and the suspect was identified as a member or staff or a contractor to the trust, CCG or group. What was the outcome? Was the suspect subsequently arrested, charged or convicted? Was the suspect subsequently investigated, suspended or dismissed from the Trust.

The Trust considers, given the low numbers involved, the information to be exempt from disclosure under s. 40(2) FOIA as being personal data, the disclosure of which would not be reasonable.

Response to the information requested

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Yours faithfully

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