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Dear

**RE: Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 15/05/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

**For each question, please can you provide data for the following years – 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 to date.**

**1. How many sexual assaults were reported to the trust?**

Please see below attachment. Please note, The Trust are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act.

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure.

**a) Of these allegations, please advise whether they were:**

**i) On Staff carried out by a staff Member**

Please see answer in question 1.

**ii) On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor**

Please see answer in question 1.

**iii) By Staff on a Patient**

Please see answer in question 1.

**iv) By Staff on a visitor**

Please see answer in question 1.

**v) On Staff carried out by a visitor**

Please see answer in question 1.

**vi) On a patient carried out by a patient**

Please see answer in question 1.

**b) Of these alleged offences, how many were reported to the police?**

Please see answer in question 1.

**c) If these alleged offences involved members of staff or contractors of the trust, please outline whether disciplinary proceedings took place and what was the outcome?**

Please see answer in question 1.

**2. How many rapes were reported to the trust?**

Please see answer in question 1.

**a) Of these allegations, please advise whether they were:**

**i) On Staff carried out by a staff Member**

Please see answer in question 1.

**ii) On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor**

Please see answer in question 1.

**iii) By Staff on a Patient**

Please see answer in question 1.

**iv) By Staff on a visitor**

Please see answer in question 1.

**v) On Staff carried out by a visitor**

Please see answer in question 1.

**vi) On a patient carried out by a patient**

Please see answer in question 1.

**b) Of these alleged offences, how many were reported to the police?**

Please see answer in question 1.

**c) If these alleged offences involved members of staff or contractors of the trust, please outline whether disciplinary proceedings took place and what was the outcome?**

Please see answer in question 1.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>1. How many sexual assaults were reported to the trust?</b>	<5	<5	<5	<5
a) Of these allegations, please advise whether they were:				
i) On Staff carried out by a staff Member	<5	0	0	<5
ii) On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor	0	0	0	0
iii) By Staff on a Patient	0	<5	<5	0
iv) By Staff on a visitor	0	0	0	0
v) On Staff carried out by a visitor	0	0	0	0
vi) On a patient carried out by a patient	0	0	0	0
b) Of these alleged offences, how many were reported to the police?	<5	<5	<5	<5
c) If these alleged offences involved members of staff or contractors of the trust, please outline whether disciplinary proceedings took place and what was the outcome?	Please see exemption in question 1	Please see exemption in question 1	Please see exemption in question 1	Please see exemption in question 1

	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>2. How many rapes were reported to the trust?</b>	0	<5	0	0
a) Of these allegations, please advise whether they were:				
i) On Staff carried out by a staff Member	0	0	0	0
ii) On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor	0	0	0	0
iii) By Staff on a Patient	0	0	0	0
iv) By Staff on a visitor	0	0	0	0
v) On Staff carried out by a visitor	0	0	0	0
vi) On a patient carried out by a patient	0	0	0	0
b) Of these alleged offences, how many were reported to the police?	0	0	0	0
c) If these alleged offences involved members of staff or contractors of the trust, please outline whether disciplinary proceedings took place and what was the outcome?	0	Please see exemption in question 1	0	0

#### Exemption applied

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