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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 9 January 2020 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding the sexual assaults. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Please answer the following questions separately for the following financial years (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17, (iii) 2017/18 and (iv) 2018-19:

1. (a) How many reports of sexual assaults on patients were recorded by you?

Answer:

- 2015/ 16 - 2
- 2016/ 17 - nil
- 2017/ 18 - nil
- 2018/ 19 - nil

(b) Of these how many were patients who were on mixed-sex wards?

Answer: All general wards are segregated into single sex bays with no mixed-sex wards being in existence. Patients are segregated in such a way so that they do not need to pass through an area occupied by the opposite sex for reasons of their care or welfare.

2. How many reports of sexual assaults on staff were recorded by you?

Answer:

- 2015/ 16 - 3
- 2016/ 17 - 5
- 2017/ 18 - 9
- 2018/ 19 - 3

3. How many of these were reported to the police:

(a) Patient sexual assaults?

Answer: 1.

(b) Staff sexual assaults?

Answer: 2.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer