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Dear Ms Hart,

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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Original Request and Response

1.How many reports of physical abuse experienced by nurses from patients or service users were made to your trust in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, up to and including February 2022?

Response:

2018 – 5
2019 – 4
2020 – 2
2021 – 1
2022 (up to Feb) – 0

2.How many reports of harassment, including sexual harassment, experienced by nurses from patients or service users were made to your trust in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, up to and including February 2022?

Response:

2018 – 2
2019 – 1
2020 – 0
2021 – 0
2022 (up to Feb) – 0

3.How many reports of sexual assault experienced by nurses from patients or service users were made to your trust in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, up to and including February 2022?

Response:

2018 – 0
2019 – 0
2020 – 0
2021 – 0
2022 (up to Feb) - 0

4. Of the reported harassment and abuse towards nurses by patients in your NHS trust, how many reports were passed on to police for further investigation in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, up to and including February 2022?

Response: None.

5. How many nurses that reported harassment and abuse in the workplace in your NHS trust were offered support such as counselling, time off work or other forms of support in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, up to and including February 2022?

Response: All staff involved in incidents of harassment and abuse in the workplace were offered support such as Counselling. This is carried out through our Staff Support provider.

If you are not satisfied that your Freedom of Information request has been dealt with in an adequate manner, you have the right to request a review, requiring us to review our action and response. To request a review of this response, please contact the FOI Officer, Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, St Catherine's Health Centre, Derby Road, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH42 0LQ or email: WCNT.foi@nhs.net. You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request for review, you may ask the Information Commissioner to review our decision: The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, Telephone: 01625 545700.



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