

## **Royal Stoke University Hospital**

Quality, Safety and Compliance Department

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

## Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding sexual assaults

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

- Q1 Please answer the following questions separately for the following financial years
  - (i) 2015/16
  - (ii) 2016/17
  - (iii) 2017/18
  - (iv) 2018-19.
  - (a) How many reports of sexual assaults on patients were recorded by you?
  - (b) Of these how many were patients who were on mixed-sex wards?
- A1 This information is not held by UHNM
- Q2 How many reports of sexual assaults on staff were recorded by you?
- A2 Information prior to 2018 was not recorded. For 2018/19 there were six (6) recorded sexual assaults on members of staff
- Q3 How many of the (a) patient sexual assaults and (b) staff sexual assaults were reported to the police.
- A3 UHNM does not have access to how many patients went to the police, therefore this information is not recorded. No employees have reported any assault to the police.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,

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