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Dear,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9334-2

Please find our Trust's response in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I'm getting in contact regarding an FOI response I've received from the trust regarding sexual assault reports on mixed sex wards.

I asked for the number of male/female reports of sexual assault on a mixed sex ward or mixed sex communal area

Overall the trust recorded 90 reports of sexual assault/incidents over 2017-18,2018-19, and 2019-20. However just 63 of these were referred to safeguarding, 0 reported to the police.

I had a question for the trust on why all reports were not at least referred to its safeguarding team? What happened to the other 27 reports?

There were 30 incidents overall that are recorded as having no safeguarding actions. 1 of these was because the allegation was unfounded as the patient was on 121 observations. The other 29 incidents are various incidents which the services have managed locally and have not required onward reporting to the governance safeguarding team.

I hope the information provided above is to your satisfaction. If you are unhappy with the way, the Trust has handled your request you may request an internal review.

If you require an internal review please write to Sarah McDonald, Head of IM&T Service Delivery, at the address above, who will arrange a review of your case.

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If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

The FOI Team
Freedom of Information Department
Greater Manchester MH NHS Foundation Trust

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