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## REQUEST & RESPONSE

### Total sexual safety incidents

1. How many sexual safety incidents did the trust record? (This includes incidents by all alleged perpetrators against all alleged victims: staff, patients, visitors, members of the public)

1.1 in 2022/23 financial year

1.2 in 2023/24 financial year

	2022/2023	2023/2024
STHK	16	11
S&O	10	<5
Total	26	15

### Sexual safety incidents by staff against patients

2. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients did the trust record?

2.1 in 2022/23 financial year

2.2 in 2023/24 financial year

	2022/2023	2023/2024
STHK	<5	<5
S&O	0	0
Total	<5	<5

### Sexual violence and misconduct by patients against other patients

3. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patients did the trust record?

3.1 in 2022/23 financial year

3.2 in 2023/24 financial year

	2022/2023	2023/2024
STHK	<5	<5
S&O	<5	<5
Total	6	<5

## Sexual safety incidents by patients against staff

4. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record?

4.1 in 2022/23 financial year

4.2 in 2023/24 financial year

	2022/2023	2023/2024
STHK	10	7
S&O	<5	<5
Total	12	9

## Sexual safety incidents by staff against other staff

5 How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against other staff did the trust record?

5.1 in 2022/23 financial year <5

5.2 in 2023/24 financial year <5

## Age of alleged victims

6. How many of the sexual safety incidents did the trust record where the victim was a patient:

6.1 Under 18 (this includes under 16 and under 13)

6.2 Under 16 (this includes under 13)

6.3 Under 13

	2022/2023	2023/2024
Under 18	0	0
Under 16	0	0
Under 13	0	0

Please provide figures for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.

7. How many incidents of physical violence perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record?

7.1 in 2022/23 financial year

7.2 in 2023/24 financial year

	2022/2023	2023/2024
STHK	229	260
S&O	134	162
Total	363	422

## Terminology:

**Sexual safety incidents** include any behaviour of a sexual nature that is unwanted, or makes another person feel uncomfortable or afraid. This covers:

- **sexual assault:** when a person is coerced or physically forced to engage in sexual activity against their will, or when a person (of any gender) touches another person sexually without their consent.
- **sexual harassment:** any behaviour that is characterised by inappropriate sexual remarks, gestures or physical advances which are unwanted and make a person feel uncomfortable, intimidated or degrade their dignity.
- **Other sexual incidents:** where an individual may have witnessed or experienced something of a sexual nature that does not fit in to the categories of sexual harassment or assault, and which made the person feel uncomfortable and/or sexually unsafe.

Section 40: personal information

We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances Section 40(2) and Section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle which states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure, and in such circumstances, Section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.

