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Subject: Staff Disciplinaries

REQUEST

1. The number of doctors who have been subjected to formal disciplinary processes, including MHPS, for taking / removing prescription medication not prescribed to them stored in the hospital / GP practice in the following time frames:
 - a. 2024 so far
 - b. 2023-2024
 - c. 2022-2023
 - d. 2021-2022
 - e. 2020-2021

2. The number of doctors who have been referred to the General Medical Council for taking / removing prescription medication not prescribed to them stored in the hospital / GP practice in the following time frames:
 - a. 2024 so far
 - b. 2023-2024
 - c. 2022-2023
 - d. 2021-2022
 - e. 2020-2021

3. The number of nurses who have been subjected to formal disciplinary processes, including MHPS, for taking / removing prescription medication not prescribed to them stored in the hospital / GP practice in the following time frames:
 - a. 2024 so far
 - b. 2023-2024
 - c. 2022-2023
 - d. 2021-2022
 - e. 2020-2021

4. The number of nurses who have been referred to the Nursing and Midwifery Council for taking / removing prescription medication not prescribed to them stored in the hospital / GP practice in the following time frames:
 - a. 2024 so far
 - b. 2023-2024
 - c. 2022-2023
 - d. 2021-2022
 - e. 2020-2021

5. The number of non-medical staff who have been disciplined for taking / removing prescription medication not prescribed to them stored in the hospital / GP practice in the following time frames:

a. 2024 so far

b. 2023-2024

c. 2022-2023

d. 2021-2022

e. 2020-2021

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

Exemption - Q1 – 5

The Trust considers that if it released the information to respond to your request it could be potentially identifiable, because of the low number(s) involved. The Trust has decided to exempt this information under section 40(2) of the Act. This is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the Public Interest Test.

In considering section 40(2) the Trust has made regard to the Principles of the Data Protection Act. The Trust felt that it would breach Principle 1 – the requirement to process personal/sensitive information fairly and lawfully and Principle 6 - the data subject rights, in relation to section 10 – the right to prevent possessing likely to cause damage or distress.