

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 10th April 2025

FOI Ref No 28388

Requested Information:

Total sexual safety incidents

1. How many sexual safety incidents did the trust record in the financial year 2024-25? (This includes incidents by all alleged perpetrators against all alleged victims: staff, patients, visitors, members of the public)

1.1 How many of these incidents took place on the trust premises?

1.2 How many sexual safety incidents on the trust premises did the trust record in the financial year 2023-24?*

1.3 How many sexual safety incidents on the trust premises did the trust record in the financial year 2022-23?*

(*My previous FOI asked for total incidents for 2022-23 and 2023-24 but did not specifically ask for only those incidents that occurred on the trust premises. If your previous response only covered incidents on the trust premises, please answer 'no change'.)

Sexual safety incidents by staff against patients

2. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients did the trust record in the 2024/25 financial year?

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 in the 2024-25 financial year?

Sexual safety incidents by patients against staff

4. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?

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 in the 2024-25 financial year?

Age of alleged victims

Please provide figures for the 2024-25 financial year:

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

Only include incidents that occurred on the trust's premises.

Physical violence

7. How many incidents of physical violence perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record in the 2024-25 financial year?

7.1 Do the trust's records of physical violence by patients distinguish between intentional/deliberate and un/non-intentional violence? (Unintentional violence might be due to lack of capacity, e.g. a symptom of dementia.)

7.2 If the trust does breakdown physical violence into intentional/deliberate and un/non-intentional violence, please provide the following data for the 2024-25 financial year:

- Number of intentional/deliberate incidents of physical violence by patients against staff.
- Number of un/non-intentional violence incidents of physical violence by patients against staff.

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.

Please use one of the attached spreadsheets to provide your answers. Please also explain any gaps in your data.

Response:

1 7 (some incidents may relate to multiple individuals)

- 1.1 No change
- 1.2 No change
- 1.3 No change
- 2 1
- 3 0
- 4 5
- 5 1
- 6 4 records unable to confirm patient age as no patient details recorded within the record
- 6.1 0
- 6.2 0
- 6.3 0
- 7 348
- 7.1 Yes, the category is called 'clinically related challenging behaviour'
- 7.2 Intentional = 157, Unintentional = 191

Attachment(s):

No Attachments

Date Response sent: 19th May 2025