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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Bullying.

You asked:

- 1. In the last three financial years (2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18, how many staff members employed working at your trust have reported bullying by another staff member? I would be grateful if you could break down by year.
- 2. How many of these incidents were dropped or withdrawn, and how many were formally investigated? Again, please break down by year.
- 3. For the most recent financial year (2017-18) I would be grateful if you could provide a full breakdown of incidents, including the job of the alleged perpetrator (doctor, nurse, non-medical staff, etc.) and what the allegation was based on as well as the outcome of the allegation.

Trust response:

The following information is based on cases of Bullying and Harassment which have progressed to the Human Resources Team.

- 1. Please note: These are the cases which have been referred to the Trust Human Resources Department only.
- 2015-16- 14 cases
- 2016-17- 8 cases
- 2017-18- 9 cases
- 2. All the above cases have been formally investigated by the Human Resources Department.
- 3. The Trust can confirm that there were 204 cases in total including the following referred to the Human Resources Department:
- 80 Sickness
- 46 Disciplinary

- 28 Grievances
- 14 Flexible Working
- 13 Probation
- 9 Appeals
- 6 Other
- 5 Capability3 Bullying and Harassment0 Employment Tribunal

In order to protect the identity of staff members further information will not be released.