



**Maidstone and  
Tunbridge Wells**  
NHS Trust

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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 Sexual Assault Allegations.

*You asked:*

*Please provide this data for the last three years, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date.*

*1. Please provide the number of allegations reported within your trust, clinical commissioning group or other care setting as defined, of*

- a) Rape*
- b) Sexual assault*
- c) Sexual harassment*
- d) Sexual misconduct*

*2. Please advise the location of these offences and or alleged offences broken down by location Mental Health Unit, Hospital, Other Hospital Setting to be clearly defined.*

*3. Please provide a month by month and location*

*4. Please identify if these allegations are*

- a) On Staff carried out by a staff Member*
- b) On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor*
- c) By Staff on a Patient*
- d) By Staff on a visitor*
- e) On Staff carried out by a visitor*

*5. For each of these allegations please advise if a suspect was identified and or arrested*

*6. If a suspect was identified and the suspect was identified as a member or staff or a contractor to the trust, CCG or group. What was the outcome? Was the suspect subsequently arrested, charged or convicted? Was the suspect subsequently investigated, suspended or dismissed from the Trust.*

Trust response:

1. Allegations carried out by a staff member:

	2019	2020	2021	2022 to date
Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0
Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	0
Sexual Assault	1	0	0	0
Rape Allegation	0	0	0	0

Allegations carried out against a staff member:

The Trust does not monitor all of these types of incidents separately as they overlap each other and would cause confusion when being reported, we are able to produce cases of overall sexual abuse which are below.

	2019	2020	2021	2022 to date
Sexual Abuse	2	3	8	1

2. Hospital

3. Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect the possible identification of the victim the Trust has decided that further information be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

4.

	2019	2020	2021	2022 to date
On Staff carried out by a staff Member	1	0	1	0
On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor	2	3	8	1
By Staff on a Patient	0	0	0	0
By Staff on a visitor	0	0	0	0
On Staff carried out by a visitor	Please see row 2 above.			

5. The Trust is unable to answer this question. Once the Police become involved they would deal directly with the victim. Regardless that they are members of staff, it becomes a Police matter; as it is victim based

6. One person was dismissed, and this complaint is from 2019.