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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 harm prevention.

You asked:

- 1. Does your organisation have a policy that covers sexual safety, specifically preventing episodes of sexual misconduct and sexual violence involving patients, visitors and staff?*
- 2. If your answer to question 1 was yes, please can you forward an electronic copy of the policy to me?*
- 3. If your answer to question 1 was yes, what date did the policy become effective?*
- 4. If you have updated your policy within the past five years, please can you provide me with an electronic copy of the policy it replaced? If the information is available, please can you specify how your current policy is now different.*
- 5. Has your organisation accepted vicarious liability for any cases of sexual assault or violence concerning any staff or patients in the past five years (2017 to date) (Please include any cases that may have led to an out of court settlement.)*
 - a) If your answer to question 5 was yes, please can you provide figures, specifically for the total number of cases and total compensation paid per year.*
 - b) If possible, can you provide a breakdown for each case, specifying year; cost; whether the claimant was a patient, staff member or other (please specify): and whether the perpetrator was a staff member or patient?*

Trust response:

1. The Trust does not have a policy specifically covering sexual harm prevention.
2. Not applicable

3. Not applicable

4. Not applicable

5. This information is available from NHS Resolution, who have a dedicated FOI team assigned to such requests. <https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>