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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 alleged sexual harassment from patients towards staff in 2022.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

*1) Please tell me how many times your Trust has logged an incident of alleged sexual harassment from patients towards staff in 2022.*

*2) For the five most recent cases, please tell me*

*a) the job title of the member of staff against whom the behaviour was levelled  
b) a brief summary of the content of the complaint (patient said "you can warm your hands up on me" during a physical examination, patient wolf-whistled at nurse, etc.)*

*c) the action taken by the Trust.*

Trust response:

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2. Please see the following table.

The Trust has removed any information which may lead to either the staff member or patient being identified.

Job Role	Reported	Sub Category (CCS)	Detail (CCS)	Action taken (Investigation)
Clinical Staff	2022	Abuse - patients to staff	Security - sexual abuse	Patient hit staff member's buttocks Patient does not have capacity

Clinical Staff	2022	Abuse - patients to staff	Security - sexual abuse	The staff member was immediately moved from where the incident happened. Reassurance and support given to staff member. Informed site practitioner and the matron about the incident. 1:1 discussion with the patient about the incident Staff member moved to another area.
Clinical Staff	2022	Abuse - patients to staff	Security - sexual abuse	Patient reported to police following ongoing sexual harassment. Patient displaying verbal abuse to staff police informed
Security Staff	2022	Abuse - patients to staff	Security - sexual abuse	Patient was making sexual remarks to female nurse report was made to police
Clinical Staff	2022	Abuse - patients to staff	Security - sexual abuse	Patient was being verbally aggressive towards security staff patient who was in same bay was moved