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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 Formal Grievances.

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

1. The number of Formal Grievances lodged by employees at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust since the 1st January 2015.

2. The number of occasions on which the Trust employed the use of a protected conversation in their handling of a Formal Grievance by an employee in the same time period.

3. The number of those protected conversations which went on to lose their legal protection as a result of improper behaviour on behalf of the Trust's representative. Improper conduct includes but is not limited to:

• all forms of harassment, bullying and intimidation, including through the use of offensive words or aggressive behaviour;

• physical assault or the threat of physical assault and other criminal behaviour;

all forms of victimisation;

• discrimination because of age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, transgender, pregnancy and maternity and marriage or civil partnership; and

putting undue pressure on a party

Trust response:

- 1. 183
- 2. This information is not recorded
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