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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 Doctors disciplinaries.

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

- 1. How many doctors have been subjected to formal disciplinary processes, including MHPS, in the last 7 years?
- 2. For each formal disciplinary, as outlined in Question 1, what is the duration of the process from start to finish (in days)?
- 3. What data is provided to the Board, and how regularly, regarding disciplinaries against doctors within the Trust?
- 4. Have all Case Investigators and Case Managers conducting disciplinary processes within your Trust undertaken mandatory training on the disciplinary process?

Trust response:

1.

2018 - 4

2019 - 5

2020 - 3

2021 – 1

2022 - 1

2023 - 2

2024 - 0 (so far)

2. Lengths of Investigation

2018

Case 1 – 66 days

Case 2 - 26 days

Case 3 – 77 days

Case 4 - Not recorded

2019

Case 1 - Not recorded

Case 2 – 42 days

Case 3 - 88 days

Case 4 – 124 days

Case 5 – 29 days

2020

Case 1 –79 days

Case 2 – 203 days

Case 3 - 33 days

2021

Case 1 - 21 days

2022

Case 1 – 78 days

2023

Case 1 – 43 days

Case 2 - 40 days

- 3. A member of the board is attached to every MHPS case at commissioning stage for the purposes of case oversight. They are given periodic, as and when required, updates regarding the progress of these cases or when they request an update. Additionally, the Board are notified monthly of new MHPS cases generally and their general progress.
- 4. MHPS and disciplinary investigation training are non-mandatory, but all Case Investigators have been through formally NHS Employers provided 2-day training course