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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 44916 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Sexual Safety and Physical Violence Incidents 2022-2024

**Safeguarding and patient safety is intrinsic to Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) Care. We have systems and policies in place to ensure that all safeguarding and serious incident activity is captured to enable a safe and appropriate response in line with regulatory and statutory duties.**

**All allegations of abuse are internally investigated, and any suspected abuse or by request of the patient is reported to the local authority in line with the Care Act (2014), Making Safeguarding Personal and Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adult Board Procures. All suspected criminal activity is reported to the police. During the review and investigations stages patient safety and staff welfare is prioritised with appropriate action taken proportionate to the concern.**

**100% of all sexual abuse allegations made against staff in 2022- 2023 and 2023-2024 were reported to the local authority and of these the majority reported to Kent Police. Of these 100% of the safeguarding allegations were discounted following internal and external investigations with outcomes and communication evident on our reporting system. Although 100% of sexual abuse allegations during these time frames were discounted we took, and continue to take every allegation seriously to prevent any abuse.**

**As a mental health trust, we recognise the increased risk of abuse exposed to our patients, and increased risk of allegation reporting due to patient vulnerabilities, and as such to ensure transparency and safe care for patients and staff we report all allegations. Our response ensures no assumptions are made and staff and patients are kept safe. Therefore, our data will demonstrate high reporting, this is a safety mechanism and not a risk.**

**We strive to ensure our environments are safe for patients and respond rigorously to all allegations of patient on patient abuse. To enable oversight all patient on patient alleged incidents are reported, this will be reflective in our high level of data reporting, this again is part of our safety mechanism to ensure we review, keep patients safe and learn as appropriate from any type of abuse.**

**All staff receive safeguarding training in line with statutory, contractual and regulatory requirements.**

**We are proud to be smoke free**

Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati  
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

KMPT deliver level 3 safeguarding training to all front-line staff to ensure they have the skills to notice and respond to concerns, this training incorporates how to respond to allegations safely.

To ensure staff are clear about behaviour expectations and how to respond to abuse, allegations of abuse and sexual safety, we have the following policies in place, Managing Allegations Against People in a Position of Trust policy, Professional Boundaries Policy, Sexual Safety Policy, Safeguarding Adults Policy, Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy and a Freedom to Speak Up Policy to enable a culture that encourages proactive reporting of any and every concern.

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust always seek to improve safeguarding responses and will adapt and learn with each allegation to ensure our patients and staff feel safe and heard.

Your request is set out below:

1. How many sexual safety incidents did the trust record? (This includes incidents by all alleged perpetrators against all alleged victims: staff, patients, visitors, members of the public)
  - a. 2022/23 financial year
  - b. 2023/24 financial year

Year	Total
2022-23	161
2023-24	96

2. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against patients did the trust record?
  - a. 2022/23 financial year
  - b. 2023/24 financial year

Year	Total
2022-23	25
2023-24	14

**Please note**

**100% of all allegations made in 2023-2024 were investigated and reported to an external statutory such as the police and or Social Care to enable a robust response.**

**100% of staff allegations of sexual abuse against patients in 2023-2024 were discounted following investigations both internally and external.**

3. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against other patients did the trust record?
  - a. 2022/23 financial year
  - b. 2023/24 financial year

Year	Total
2022-23	48
2023-24	19

4. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record?
  - a. 2022/23 financial year
  - b. 2023/24 financial year

Year	Total
2022-23	69
2023-24	53

5. How many sexual safety incidents allegedly perpetrated by staff against other staff did the trust record?

- a. 2022/23 financial year
- b. 2023/24 financial year

Year	Total
2022-23	Fewer than 5
2023-24	Fewer than 5

6. How many of the sexual safety incidents did the trust record where the victim was a patient:

- a. Under 18 (this includes under 16 and under 13)
- b. Under 16 (this includes under 13)
- c. Under 13

Year	Under 18	Under 16	Under 13
2022-23	0	0	0
2023-24	0	0	0

7. How many incidents of physical violence perpetrated by patients against staff did the trust record?

- a. 2022/23 financial year
- b. 2023/24 financial year

Year	Total
2022-23	773
2023-24	727

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of  
The Information Governance Department