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RE: Freedom of Information Request

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13th May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 28th March 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

In your request you asked:

- 1. Reported incidents of racism/racist abuse (of any type, e.g verbal, physical) by patients against staff at your trust, broken down by month, from the dates 31 January 2014 - 31 January 2024.**

Total number of incidents within the time period is 2.

- 2. Reported incidents of racism/racist abuse (of any type, e.g verbal, physical) by staff against staff, broken down by month, from the dates 31 January 2014 - 31 January 2024.**

Total number of incidents reported within the time period is 15, the numbers are too low to break down further.

If the number is very low (less than 5) the information cannot be disclosed as it could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data and this would constitute a breach of the UK GDPR 2018.

Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that it is personal information.

Section 40 (2)

We are not obliged, under section 40(2) of the Act, to provide information that is the personal data of another person if releasing would contravene any of the provisions of UK GDPR. In this instance we believe that the release of this information, would not be fair and contravene the first data protection principle and therefore section 40 (2) is engaged.

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<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1213/personal-information-section-40-and-regulation-13-foia-and-eir-guidance.pdf>

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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