

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 7th February 2023

Our Ref FOI 2023-009

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 3rd January 2023, concerning sexual offences on NHS premises. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote and our response:

Please note:

- ❖ These results have been provided in response to the locations listed on the spreadsheet and word document, provided by yourself, as part of this request. There were a mix of addresses provided from the Wiltshire force area and other force areas, therefore the response is in relation to those only listed in Wiltshire.
- ❖ The locations for the occurrences were ones listed on the documents provided as part of this request. However, this does not necessarily mean the offence happened at that location etc. See the note before the larger table for further information.
- ❖ The relationship between the victim and the suspect has been manually extracted from the occurrence logs, and therefore may be interpreted differently by others if they had reviewed the logs.

Please provide the following information:

1. Over the past five years, how many incidents/allegations of sexual assault which took place on **NHS premises** have you recorded?

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1.1 Over the past five years, how many incidents/allegations of rape which took place on **NHS premises** have you recorded?

1.2 Over the past five years, how many incidents/allegations of other sexual offences which took place on **NHS premises** have you recorded?

I would like both the total number for all these incidents/allegations as well as a breakdown for each of these years: 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22

If you cannot search by location please do a keyword search for hospitals, health centre, GP surgery, etc. Again please prioritise hospitals.

Year	Sexual Assault	Rape	Other Sexual Offences
2017-18	8	2	1
2018-19	6	2	
2019-20	7	2	
2020-21	5	1	2
2021-22	8		1
Total	34	7	4

Additional information interested in

I would be most interested in would be anything that gives any indication on the relationship between the victim and the suspect, specifically I am trying to identify whether they are NHS staff members (eg doctor or a nurse) or patients, visitors, etc. I would like to try to get an indication of how many cases are staff on staff, staff on patient, patient on staff, patient on patient, etc

Other information that would be interesting would be type of incident (eg offence coding), date of the incident (month and year), outcome (whether suspect charged or case did not proceed eg not enough evidence, victim did not want to pursue, etc)

Please note: The full offence description has not been provided. Doing so would increase the risk of identifying individuals (i.e. where gender is noted within the offence description etc), and engaging s40 of the FOIA, due to the fairly small number of results returned (46 since 2017-18).

Some of the rows are filled with a colour to indicate those which may not be relevant to your request. This would be open to individual interpretation and therefore may have been categorised differently by others if they had reviewed the logs.

- ❖ **Blue** – Not relevant but took place on NHS premises (i.e. deemed to be a routine medical procedure etc)
- ❖ **Green** – Offence location was within grounds of / near to the NHS premises listed as the offence location
- ❖ **Orange** – Appears not to be anything to do with NHS (i.e. offence location was elsewhere but individual was on NHS premises when this was reported & didn't involve staff at NHS premises etc)

Month year	Offence Description	Relationship		Outcome
		Victim	Suspect	
May-2017	Sexual activity	Patient	Staff	1: Summoned/postal requisition
May-2017	Sexual assault	Patient	Visitor	15: Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED
Jul-2017	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	15: Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED
Oct-2017	Sexual assault	Patient	Visitor	15: Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED
Nov-2017	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	Cancelled/transferred
Nov-2017	Rape	Other	Other	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Nov-2017	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	Cancelled/transferred
Jan-2018	Sexual assault	Staff	Visitor	15: Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED
Jan-2018	Sexual assault	Other	Other	15: Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED
Mar-2018	Rape	Patient	Staff	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
Mar-2018	Sexual assault	Staff	Patient	12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute
May-2018	Sexual assault	Patient	Other	Cancelled/transferred
Jul-2018	Rape	Patient	Unknown	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
Jul-2018	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
Aug-2018	Sexual assault	Patient	Patient	12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute
Nov-2018	Rape	Visitor	Other	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Dec-2018	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Jan-2019	Sexual assault	Patient	Unknown	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
Feb-2019	Sexual assault	Patient	Patient	1: Charged
Apr-2019	Rape	Visitor	Other	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
May-2019	Sexual assault	Staff	Staff	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
May-2019	Sexual assault	Staff	Other	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Jun-2019	Sexual assault	Staff	Patient	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Aug-2019	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Sep-2019	Rape	Other	Other	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender

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Jan-2020	Sexual assault	Patient	Unknown	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
Feb-2020	Sexual assault	Patient	Other	1: Summoned/postal requisition
Feb-2020	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Jun-2020	Sexual activity	Patient	Visitor	13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill
Jul-2020	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	New
Aug-2020	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy
Oct-2020	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
Nov-2020	Sexual assault	Staff	Patient	1: Summoned/postal requisition
Jan-2021	Exposure	Staff	Staff	1: Summoned/postal requisition
Mar-2021	Rape	Patient	Staff	Cancelled/transferred
Mar-2021	Sexual assault	Staff	Staff	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
May-2021	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Jun-2021	Sexual assault	Other	Unknown	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
Oct-2021	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition
Oct-2021	Sexual assault	Staff	Staff	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Oct-2021	Sexual assault	Patient	Unknown	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
Nov-2021	Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity	Patient	Other	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
Dec-2021	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Dec-2021	Sexual assault	Patient	Staff	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
Mar-2022	Sexual assault	Staff	Patient	12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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