

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_545_23

You asked:

1. Please provide the number of allegations reported within your Health Board as defined, of a) Rape b) Sexual assault c) Sexual harassment.
2. Please advise the location of these offences and or alleged offences broken down by location Mental Health Unit, Hospital, Other Hospital Setting to be clearly defined.
3. Please provide this data, broken down for the last three years, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date.
4. Please provide a month by month and location
5. Please identify if these allegations are a) A On Staff carried out by a staff Member b) B On Staff carried out by a patient or visitor c) C By Staff on a Patient d) D by Staff on a visitor e) E On Staff carried out by a visitor.
6. For each of these allegations please advise if a suspect was identified and or arrested.
7. If a suspect was identified and the suspect was identified as a member or staff or a contractor to the Health Board. What was the outcome? Was the suspect subsequently arrested, charged or convicted? Was the suspect subsequently investigated, suspended or dismissed from the Health Board?

Our response:

The Health Board will not provide the specific details of allegations reported within the Health Board as defined, of a) Rape b) Sexual assault c) Sexual harassment.

We consider that there is a potential risk for the individuals to be identified from the information provided if this was disclosed, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

However, to assist you with your request we can confirm that there have been 29 allegations reported as defined above, during the time period requested (last three years, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date).