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Ms Claire Wilde

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Dear Ms Wilde

RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOI Act)

I refer to your email of 22 January 2021 and I am now able to provide the following response to your request.

You asked us to supply the following information: Our replies appear in bold type below.

1. *Do you provide access to an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor?*

Yes

- 1a. *If yes, do you provide access to an IDAA at every hospital site?*

The Univeristy Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust (UHMBT) refers to agencies who provide Independent Domestic Abuse Advice within the locality (across all sites).

2. *Do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse?*

No, UHMBT does not employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse. Domestic abuse is a core function of all the clinical safeguarding specialists within the safeguarding across all age groups. This is overseen by a Named Professional.

- 2a. *If yes, do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse at every hospital site?*

N/A

3. *Do you have a Domestic Abuse policy?*

Yes

- 3a. *If yes, please provide a copy.*

Please find attached the following documents:

Trust Headquarters:
Westmorland General Hospital
Burton Road
Kendal
LA9 7RG
Tel: 01539 716621

CHAIR: PROFESSOR MIKE THOMAS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE: AARON CUMMINS

1. **Domestic Abuse - Guidance and Procedures for Asking about and Responding to Domestic Abuse**
2. **Domestic Abuse – Support for Staff**

4. *Do you produce an annual safeguarding report on domestic abuse?*

UHMBT does not produce an annual report specifically for domestic abuse.

5. *Do you conduct internal audits to ensure compliance to the domestic abuse policy?*

Yes, an audit of routine questions relating to domestic abuse is within the internal audit register.

6. *Have you conducted training for staff on domestic abuse in the last 12 months. If no, in the last 24 months?*

Yes, it is a core part of safeguarding training offer for both adult and children's training from level one, two and three safeguarding training.

7. *How many domestic abuse, stalking and harassment (DASH) risk assessments were completed by the trust/health board in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?*

We do not hold this information as this data is not collected.

8. *How many domestic abuse, stalking and harassment (DASH) referrals were made by the trust/health board to a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?*

We do not hold this information as this data is not collected. UHMBT has core membership of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) across Lancashire and Cumbria.

If you are unhappy with the way the Trust has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review by contacting: Phil Woodford, Associate Director of Corporate Affairs, Westmorland General Hospital, Burton Road, Kendal LA9 7RG.

For more information on our sites and services, including our latest Annual Report, please visit our website: <http://www.uhmb.nhs.uk>

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

I hope this information has answered your question. If you require any further clarification or assistance regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information office on 01539 715511. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Kind regards



**MR PHIL WOODFORD
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**