

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST RF382-035-21

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested. Please refer to the responses below.

Do you provide access to an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor (IDVA)?

Yes

If yes, do you provide access to an IDAA at every hospital site?

No not officially. The Hospital IDVA Project was set up to only cover William Harvey Hospital, however all cases are given to the IDVA.

Do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse?

No. Access is via a joint funded Police and Council initiative as above.

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

Not applicable

Do you have a Domestic Abuse policy?

EKHUFT refers to the Kent Domestic Abuse policy and there is a section on domestic abuse in the adult safeguarding policy which signposts staff to the KCC policy.

Please find attached a copy of our Adult Safeguarding policy.

Do you produce an annual safeguarding report on domestic abuse?

There is a section on domestic abuse in the annual safeguarding report.

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

No

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

Domestic abuse is included in the level 2 adult safeguarding training which all patient and public facing staff must have every 3 years. Our trust compliance is 88%. (The national standard is 85%).

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 can confirm EKHUFT does not record this data. The data is held by the IDVA or the DA agencies we refer to.

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?

EKHUFT participates in MARAC providing information of attendance at hospital. Data attached.

(ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED AS AT FEBRUARY 2021)