

FOI REF: 21/045

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**Via email to:** [request-720663-83c99863@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-720663-83c99863@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Ms Wilde

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

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

Yes.

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

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust has a Health Independent Domestic Violence Advisor in post that covers all sites.

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

No, this is part of the work of the Safeguarding Team.

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

Not applicable.

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

Yes.

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

Please see attached East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's 'Policy for the Management of domestic Abuse' and note that this policy is currently being updated.

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

The Trust produce an annual Safeguarding report which domestic abuse is part of.

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

The Trust is not currently conducting internal audits to ensure compliance to the domestic abuse policy. We are auditing the information that we provide to Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and when the new policy is finalised we will look at other audit work.

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

Domestic abuse training is part of the safeguarding Level 3, we also have a workshop that we deliver separately to clinical areas.

**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?**

This information is not currently captured, therefore we do not hold this information.

**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?**

Please see below for referrals made by the Trust's Emergency Departments, Health Visitors and Midwifery to MARAC in the time period requested:

2018	20
2019	15
2020	26

This information is collated by MARAC, information from 2016 and 2017 is not currently available.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust ([lynette.wells2@nhs.net](mailto:lynette.wells2@nhs.net)) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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