

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust – Freedom of Information (FOI) Request 2018/352

Initial Request

Dear Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust,

I am a third year student currently completing my Msc in Mental Health Nursing at the University of Central Lancashire. I am contacting you to request data with regard to safeguarding sexually inappropriate behaviours exhibited on elderly dementia wards, which have been reported to either your safeguarding team and/ or datixed in the past year 01/10/2017 - 01/10/2018.

For the purposes of this request sexually inappropriate behaviour is anything verbal i.e sexual comments made by a patient to staff or fellow patients, and physical such as holding hands, kissing and attempts to touch genitals (of staff and/ or patients) or expose their own genitals.

I would like to distinguish from the information if this is made available, the number of incidents which took place and were directed towards staff and equally the number of incidents that took place between patients within the ward environment.

Response

Searches were conducted and findings as follows:

One between two patients, and one between a patient and two members of staff. Both were reported via Datix system.