

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-386

Request:

In the recent BBC health news, published on 23 May 2023, suggesting that more than 35,000 incidents of sexual misconduct and sexual violence were recorded on NHS premises between 2017 to 2023. According to the news report, the data was collected by the British Medical Journal (BMJ) and the Guardian newspaper from 212 Trusts in England and share with BBC file on 4. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-65671018>
This report does not give any specific information about the ethnicity of the perpetrators and those of the victims in the above-mentioned cases.

I seek information regarding the ethnicity or national identity of the perpetrators and the victims in cases of sexual misconduct and violence in your Trust.

Response:

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

Please note:

- The information provided relates only to alleged incidents.
- EKHUFT has only been recording ethnicity as a mandatory field for the last two years. Therefore, information prior to 2022 may not be an accurate record.
- The ethnicity field is only mandatory if the victim is a patient.

Ethnicity of alleged perpetrator: sexual assaults or abuse incidents								
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Grand Total
Not recorded	3		2	5	5	4	2	21
Unknown						2	1	3
White British	4	1			1	1	2	9
Grand Total	7	1	2	5	6	7	5	33

Ethnicity of alleged victim: sexual assaults or abuse incidents								
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Grand Total
Not recorded	7	1	2	5	6	6	5	32
White British						1		1
Grand Total	7	1	2	5	6	7	5	33

*data extracted from clinical incident management system on 05 July 2023

(DATE INFORMATION PROVIDED: 05 JULY 2023)

