

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-493	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
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**Q1) How many allegations of sexual assault committed by staff or contractors on Trust estates have been reported since 2016? Please provide these figures year-by-year, including the most recently available figure for 2021 so far.**

Year	Number of allegations of sexual assaults
2016	<5
2017	<5
2018	<5
2019	<5
2020	<5
2021	7

The Health Board has sought to respond to your request in full; however, due to the small numbers involved, we are unable to provide actual numbers in relation to the number of allegations as the potential risk of identifying patients becomes significant. Please note that where the numbers are fewer than 5 this has been provided as <5 individuals. We are withholding the detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

**Q2) Is your Trust's Security provided by the NHS or by a private contractor?**

This is currently a combination of both NHS and private contractor.

**Q3) If by a private contractor, please state their name.**

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**Q4) What is your current policy on DBS checks for staff? Please specify which kinds of staff, if any, are DBS checked.**

The Health Board complies with the NHS Employer Employment Checks Standards and the DBS Eligibility Guidance when determining whether a DBS check is required and what level of check is required. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nhsemployers.org/publications/criminal-record-check-standards>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-eligibility-guidance>