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Dear Requester,

FOI 1075

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. Do you record allegations of third party sexual harassment against catering staff working in your Trust?
Yes, although this information will be held indirectly either in the description, location or service line data in an incident.
2. If yes to Q1, how many allegations of third party sexual harassment have been made by catering staff working in your Trust between 31 October 2013 and 31 October 2021?
0
3. If yes to Q1, does your Trust have a policy to manage third-party sexual harassment?
There is no specific policy for sexual harassment from third-parties.
4. If yes to Q1 and Q3, what were the outcomes of any complaints made to you by staff members? If it does not push the request over the cost limit please provide a summary of the allegation (such as inappropriate touching, inappropriate messages or rape) and the outcome, including what disciplinary action, if any, was taken. Additionally, if it does not push the request over the cost limit, please provide the race and gender of both the person making the allegation and who the allegation was against.
N/A

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If you are not satisfied with the Trust review under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Officer (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. The ICO can be contacted at: ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust