

Ethnicity & Nationality of Sexual Misconduct Cases

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Trust.

In the recent BBC health news, published on 23rd 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.

Answer: The Trust does not record the ethnicity or national identity of the perpetrators or the victims.