



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2023-00752

**Keyword:** Crime/Incident Statistics Other and Multiple Crime/Incident types

**Subject:** Reports to PSNI concerning South West Acute Hospital

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

Please clarify if any reports have been made to PSNI in relation to allegations of abuse or any other offence, directed toward any member of Western Health and Social Care Trust staff since November 2022 to 3 March 2023, and specifically in respect of the suspension of emergency surgery at South West Acute Hospital?

#### Answer 1

PSNI can advise there has been no reports made to PSNI regarding allegations of abuse or any other offence directed towards any member of Western Health and Social Care Trust Staff in respect to the suspension of emergency surgery at South West Acute Hospital since November 2022.

#### Request 2

Also have any reports been made to PSNI and/or were officers required to take action around any - for example - public disorderly in respect of the consultation events around the suspension of emergency surgery at South West Acute Hospital?

#### Answer 2

PSNI can advise there has been no reports regarding public disorder at any of the Consultation Events around the suspension of emergency surgery at South West Acute Hospital.

#### Additional Information regarding searches carried out in respect of this request:

In relation to request 1 and request 2 - extensive searches were carried out by Fermanagh & Omagh District in an attempt to capture any relevant information. Searches were conducted for all serials including "South West Acute Hospital" from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and also for "Western Health and Social Care Trust" 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Any serials relating specifically to threats etc. against staff were reviewed. Furthermore, searches were carried out with addresses linked to South West Acute Hospital, Western Health & Social Care and also the address of the venues which hosted the Public Consultation event.

**Please note:**

There is no field on PSNI systems to capture an employer of a victim. Therefore if someone has reported abuse/disorder and they haven't used the relevant addresses, this would not be captured.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.police.uk).

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

In most circumstances, the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out however, the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at their discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.