

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2021.1009
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Thank you for your email received 19 November 2021 requesting information regarding incidents of sexual assault and security.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

Q1) How many allegations of sexual assault committed by staff or contractors on Trust estates have been reported since 2016?

None

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

The Trust does not use an 'In-House' security company. The Trust does have a Security Contractor who advises on security of buildings/assets and does provide physical security for sites/incidents when requested.

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.

DBS checks are carried out on all applicants for roles where the holder of that role will;

- have access to people in receipt of health care services as a part of their normal duties;
- provide health care to an adult, or anyone who provides health care to an adult under the direction or supervision of a health care professional;
- be involved in activity involving working with children which includes caring for or supervising children.

The level of the check is dependent on the role they will hold.

Posts that are working with children and/or vulnerable adults require an additional check of the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) register (replacing the old Protection of Children Act (POCA) check).

Staff used through an agency will be DBS checked by that agency and evidence is provided to the Trust prior to the agency worker being engaged.

Chairman John Goulston Chief Executive Paul Bentley

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Staff in posts where there is a requirement for the member of staff to work in a property regulated by Kent County Council or OFSTED in eligible (patient facing) roles, should have a DBS check carried out by the Trust every 3 years in line with KCC and OFSTED policy.