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Subject: Data sharing by the Safeguarding Team

REQUEST

With regards to data sharing by Mersey and West Lancashire Safeguarding Team with other organisations under safeguarding procedures for children and/or vulnerable adults, how many disclosures of confidential medical information, held by the Trust or obtained via a third party, were made to the employers of the following professions working in regulated activity in the last two years:

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Health Care Assistants
- Psychologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Teachers
- Registered Childminders
- Nursery Nurses
- Social Workers
- Police Officers
- Fire Fighters
- Drivers involved in the transport of children and vulnerable adults

Please can you break this information down into each individual profession, outline the indication for sharing of this information, and state what action was required by the Trust following this sharing.

RESPONSE

- Doctors <5
- Nurses <5
- Health Care Assistants <5

- Psychologists 0
- Occupational Therapists 0
- Teachers <5
- Registered Childminders 0
- Nursery Nurses <5
- Social Workers <5
- Police Officers 0
- Fire Fighters 0
- Drivers involved in the transport of children and vulnerable adults 0

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Due to the low number of patients which is less than five for the period, the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification of the individual(s).

If the requestor or any other member of the general public can, on the balance of probabilities, identify individuals by cross-referencing the anonymised data with other information that was available to them, then the information is personal data and exempt from disclosure under the Act.

All information shared in line with Safeguarding adult and children procedures regarding suitability of the professional with regards to their current role which would need to be considered by the Employer. If the Trust are not the Employer there is no further action following the sharing of relevant information.