

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 22 January 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

Do you provide access to an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor?

Within MKUH an IDVA is provided by our local Domestic Abuse organisation MKAct and they attend the trust weekly, linking with the Safeguarding team and the Emergency Department. In the current situation this process has altered due to COVID restrictions and referrals are now made directly to MKAct who then arrange contact with the individual.

If yes, do you provide access to an IDAA at every hospital site?

IDAA access is provided on the Acute Trust site

Do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse?

Within the Acute Trust the Safeguarding Team comprising of 2 Lead Nurses and Vulnerable Adults Nurse work closely with MKAct to provide support for individuals experiencing/history of domestic abuse

If yes, do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse at every hospital site?

Do you have a Domestic Abuse policy?

The organisation has a Safeguarding Adults/Children policy which encompasses domestic abuse and in addition last year a standalone Domestic Abuse policy for staff which was implemented.

If yes, please provide a copy.

Do you produce an annual safeguarding report on domestic abuse?

A safeguarding report is produced annually. This covers all aspects of safeguarding across Adults, Maternity and Children services. Within the report all aspects of safeguarding are reported upon which will include reference to domestic abuse.

Safeguarding reports covering themes are also shared and discussed at the Trusts quarterly Safeguarding Committee, attended by internal and external safeguarding partners.

Do you conduct internal audits to ensure compliance to the domestic abuse policy?

Safeguarding audits are undertaken quarterly within the organisation by the Corporate team. This covers general safeguarding themes, including how to raise safeguarding concerns.

Have you conducted training for staff on domestic abuse in the last 12 months? If no, in the last 24 months?

Safeguarding training is provided within the organisation and compliance is monitored on a

quarterly basis. Training covers the difference types of abuse and how to raise safeguarding concerns. Since the social distancing restrictions of COVID limiting face to face training sessions, these are provided via eLearning for Health digital platform.

In addition, bespoke sessions have been facilitated including MKAct providing sessions for the organisation within the last 24 months.

Training has also been facilitated by Thames Valley Police.

How many domestic abuse, stalking and harassment (DASH) risk assessments were completed by the trust/health board in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

Maternity department is currently in the process of implementing risk assessment completion. Thames Valley Police also complete DASH risk assessments. Data is not available.

How many domestic abuse, stalking and harassment (DASH) referrals were made by the trust/health board to a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

The Trusts safeguarding team has 2 designated Multi Agency Risk Assessment (MARAC) officers who attend MARAC meetings twice a month. Referrals/concerns are discussed within this forum. Data is not available.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator

For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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