

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 12 May 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1) How many complaints through the patient advice and liaison system (PALS) your Trust received from patients alleging they had been discriminated against or badly treated by a member of staff because of their being overweight or obese**

Please do this by searching for complaints containing any of the words "weight", "fat", "obese", "overweight" and "bariatric" and filtering these to find those that refer to fat-shaming comments made by a member of staff.

- 2) Can you select the first five such complaints from 2020 and provide me with the following details:**

- a) What type of staff member was the complaint levelled against? E.g. healthcare assistant, junior doctor, consultant, cleaner, kitchen staff**
- b) Please quote the words allegedly used by the hospital staff or summarise the offending action**
- c) Please tell me what, if any, action was taken by your trust in response to these five sample complaints from the beginning of 2020**

We have used the terms specified in the search, which has returned 0 complaints indicating that there were concerns around "fat shaming", or any negativity around a patient's weight.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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