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CCTV at Muckamore Abbey Hospital & Allegations of Abuse at Cranfield Wards

1- Release a copy of the Muckamore Abbey Hospital CCTV policy that was signed off in June 2017.

The Belfast Trust policy “Implementation of CCTV within Muckamore Abbey Hospital to Assist with Investigations related to Adult Safeguarding Issues” (Reference No: SG 09/17, operational date June 2017) is available to the public, having been exhibited to the Belfast Trust Evidence Module 3 statement (submitted by Mr Chris Hagan on behalf of the Belfast Trust on 20 March 2023). That statement is available online at the following link: [Module 3 - Policy and Procedure | Muckamore Abbey Hospital Inquiry \(mahinquiry.org.uk\)](https://mahinquiry.org.uk/Module-3-Policy-and-Procedure-Muckamore-Abbey-Hospital)

2- How much did it cost for the CCTV that was installed on the 21st April 2015 at Muckamore Abbey Hospital?

£51,174.38 – The costs covered Design (Professional Fees), Supply and Installation of CCTV at Cranfield and Six Mile Buildings, Muckamore Abbey Hospital. A design team and specialist CCTV contractor were involved.

3- Release a copy of the business case for CCTV at Muckamore that was submitted in 2013.

This information is exempt from release under Section 31 of the FOI legislation which relates to law enforcement.

The Muckamore Abbey Hospital Public Inquiry is a statutory inquiry established under the Inquiries Act 2005, to examine the issue of abuse of patients at Muckamore Abbey Hospital (MAH) and to determine why the abuse happened and the range of circumstances that allowed it to happen. The purpose of the Inquiry is to ensure that such abuse does not occur again at MAH or any other institution in Northern Ireland which provides similar services.

Section 31 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test. As the information requested will be considered by the MAH Inquiry, prejudice would be caused by placing the information you have requested into the public domain at this time, and it would not be in the public interest to do so.

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A public interest has been conducted and the outcome is that it would not be in the public interest to provide the information requested.

In reaching this decision to withhold the information requested, the Trust has considered fully its commitment to ensuring openness and transparency, where reasonably practicable, in all its activities.

4- How many substantiated allegations of abuse at all Cranfield wards Muckamore in 2014?

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Same as Qu 3

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5- How many substantiated allegations of abuse at all Cranfield wards Muckamore in 2015 and 2016?

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Same as Qu 3 & 4

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