

BY EMAIL

Russell Parkinson  
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29 July 2018

Dear Russell,

### **National Guardian's use of unpublished statistics**

I noticed that the National Guardian's Office tweeted on 27 July 2018 that 200 cases had been raised with the East London NHS Foundation Trust Freedom To Speak Up Guardian over a period of 10 months:



**National Guardian's Office**  
@NatGuardianFTSU

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Inspiring morning. 200 cases brought to your [#FTSU](#) Guardian in 10 months. Shows the power of Freedom to Speak Up in an Outstanding trust. [@NHS\\_ELFT](#) [@AdeAcrown](#) [@NavinaEvans](#)

**Marie Gabriel** @MarieELFT

Spent an insightful morning with the Henrietta Hughes @NatGuardianFTSU and our own @AdeAcrown and the brilliant staff of the Hackney Centre for Mental Health. Please keep Speaking Up @NHS\_ELFT

2:22 pm - 27 Jul 2018

This is not to my knowledge published data.

The National Guardian's published data shows that only a total of 40 cases were raised at East London NHS Foundation Trust over 2017/18:

Quarter 1 - no data submitted by the trust

Quarter 2 - 4 cases raised

Quarter 3 - 14 cases raised

Quarter 4 - 22 cases raised

The National Guardian's Office's claim that 200 cases have been raised over 10 months raises a question of whether its published data is correct, or whether an improbably high number of cases have been raised in the first few months of 2018/19.

Either way, I am concerned that the NGO is once more citing what appears to be unpublished data, despite having been already advised of the UK Statistics Code by both the UKSA and the Department of Health.

Please could you advise:

1) Has the NGO developed a policy and procedure for handling and disseminating statistical data since it was contacted about its previous use of an unpublished statistic in March 2018, and if so, please may I have a copy

2) How did the NGO arrive at the statistic of '200 cases brought to your #FTSU Guardian in 10 months' at ELFT?

3) When will the NGO publish the 90% statistic that it and the former Secretary of State cited on 6 March 2018 (which I understand the NGO has informed UKSA related to Q1,2 and 3 of 2017/18), and the corresponding supporting evidence?

I understand that the NGO originally assured UKSA that it would publish the statistic when it published the 2017/18 Quarter 4 data, but it did not, and we are some months on now.



**Jeremy Hunt** ✓

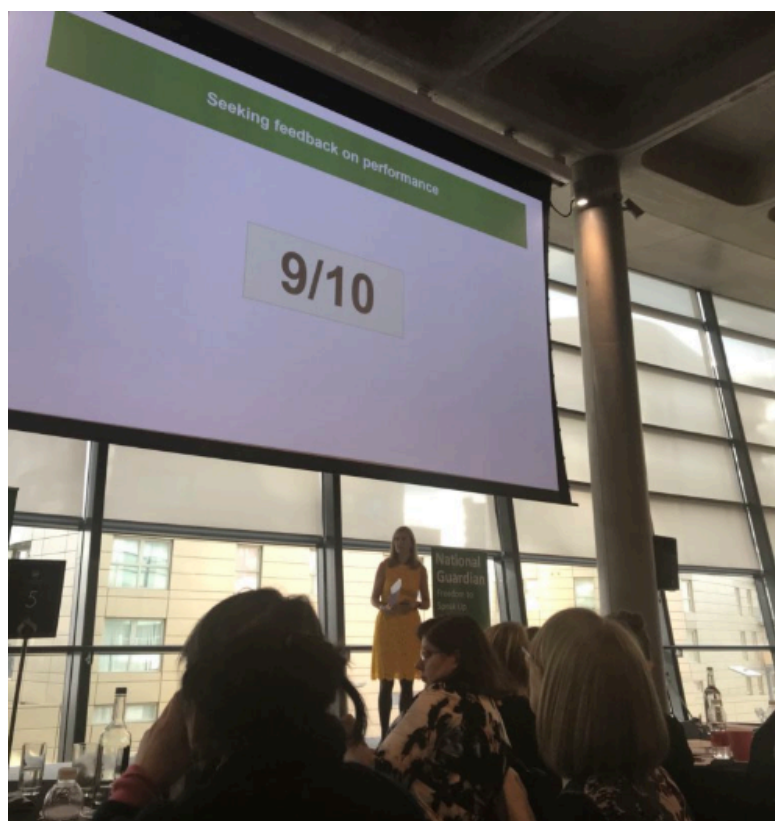
@Jeremy\_Hunt

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So far this year 4600 concerns have been raised with the new Freedom to Speak Up Guardians and 90% say they would do it again – shows the new role is working. Good idea from Robert Francis.

5:32 pm - 6 Mar 2018



Many thanks,

Minh

Dr Minh Alexander

Cc Dr Henrietta Hughes National Freedom To Speak Up Guardian  
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