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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:

- 1. Please can you provide the number of physical assaults against hospital staff by patients and members of the public on the Trusts premises for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**
- 2. How many of these physical assaults were reported to the police for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**
- 3. If you hold this data, how many had a criminal justice outcome (e.g. cautioned, charged, taken to court) for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**
- 4. Since 2019 has the Trust introduced any additional measures to try to reduce the number of physical assaults against hospital staff? If so, please specify what measures have been taken e.g. body cameras, CCTV in clinical areas, more security guards etc?**

Response

- 1. Please can you provide the number of physical assaults against hospital staff by patients and members of the public on the Trusts premises for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

Violence towards Staff - (Physical abuse)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
(VA) Physical Abuse or Assault	58	44	61	60	76	299
(VA) Physical Abuse or Assault with Weapon	4	3	4	3	3	17
Grand Total	62	47	65	63	79	316

- 2. How many of these physical assaults were reported to the police for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

We do not have any categories for this specific requirement.	
3. If you hold this data, how many had a criminal justice outcome (e.g., cautioned, charged, taken to court) for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?	
2019	Legal Services do not hold any data regarding the reporting of and/or outcomes of charges of physical assault and we are therefore unable to respond to the enquiry
2020	
2021	
2022	
2023	
4. Since 2019 has the Trust introduced any additional measures to try to reduce the number of physical assaults against hospital staff. If so, please specify what measures have been taken e.g., body cameras, CCTV in clinical areas, more security guards etc?	In line with Policy, we do issue warning notices and exclusion notices to perpetrators. We also offer support to staff victims. The Trust's Facilities Management services are provided by our PFI partner as part of a comprehensive Facilities Management Service. Security is a part of that PFI agreement.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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