

FOI REF: 21/009

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1) **How many physical assaults against NHS staff by patients have been recorded since January 2018. I would like this information broken down by month, and then by department.**

There have been a total of 614 assaults by patients at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) between 1st January 2018 and 14th January 2021. Please see the following breakdown by month and then by department:

Month	No. of Assaults
January	56
February	39
March	48
April	38
May	43
June	57
July	68
August	54
September	60
October	40
November	56
December	55

Department	No. of Assaults
DAS (Diagnostic, anaesthetics and surgery)	126
Estates and Facilities	6
Medicine	328
Out of Hospital	53
Urgent Care	90
Non ESHT organisations	4
Women's and Children's	4
Corporate	3

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (lynette.wells2@nhs.net) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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