



FOI REF: 21/638

29th December 2021

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:

- Please could you provide me the number of incidents of assault or abuse on hospital staff for the calendar years (and also broken down by each month for) 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017?**

2017 – Total 368,

2018 – Total 256,

2019 – Total 423,

2020 – Total 439,

2021 – Total 502, (until 1st December 2021)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Month					
Jan	20	16	30	43	36
Feb	27	16	25	53	22
Mar	27	14	37	24	43
Apr	28	14	24	16	47
May	31	24	31	25	42
Jun	33	28	31	51	53
Jul	27	31	37	42	53
Aug	27	25	32	42	48
Sep	35	19	40	48	43
Oct	27	23	46	30	69
Nov	40	26	38	29	46
Dec	31	20	38	29	Not Applicable.

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2. Could you please specify whether the abuse was physical or verbal?

2017 – Physical assault 212 and Verbal abuse 156.

2018 – Physical assault 138 and Verbal abuse 118.

2019 – Physical assault 224 and Verbal abuse 199.

2020 – Physical assault 248 and Verbal abuse 191.

2021 – Physical assault 282 and Verbal abuse 220.

3. How many times were police called out in the years stated above to deal with an assault on hospital staff?

We do not hold this information. Please contact Sussex Police for this information via the following link:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/rip/request-information-police/request-information-about-police/FOI-request-form/>

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 the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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