

FOI REF: 22/069

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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:

For each year from 2017 to 2021 (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021) please tell me how many reports of assaults on staff were recorded. Where possible, please provide a break down with detail of assailant, i.e. patient, visitor or colleague.

| | Total Number of Assaults | Staff on Staff | Other on Staff | Patient on Staff |
|------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2017 | 216 | 4 | 1 | 211 |
| 2018 | 134 | 1 | 0 | 133 |
| 2019 | 228 | 4 | 3 | 221 |
| 2020 | 256 | 6 | 5 | 245 |
| 2021 | 316 | 4 | 14 | 298 |

Does the trust record reports of non-physical abuse received by staff at work? If so, please tell me how many such reports were recorded in each year from 2017 to 2021.

| | Total Number of Non-Physical Abuse |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 2017 | 227 |
| 2018 | 230 |
| 2019 | 322 |
| 2020 | 338 |
| 2021 | 343 |

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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