

FOI REF: 22/317

15th June 2022

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 much money has been spent by the Trust employing hospital security staff with an SIA licence over the last five years?**

Please break the costs down into a yearly budget. I am specifically asking for the amount spent on salaries for staff holding an SIA licence for the years below and the number of staff employed holding an SIA licence for each year.

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022 to date

Please include the number of staff employed currently by your Trust who hold the SIA licence.

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice commercial interests of third parties. This is because release of the information could be detrimental to their competitive position in the market.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

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2. I would also like to find out how many assaults took place on NHS staff for each of the years above.

2018 - 134

2019 - 228

2020 - 256

2021 - 325

2022 to date – 145 (15/06/22)

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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