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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 my final year project, I would like to look at the level, and severity, of assaults on members of staff working in all areas of the NHS.

The following four hypotheses make up the bases of the project. ,

H1 = The reported number of violent incidents in the workplace, both the numbers quoted in the media and other organisations, that provide statistics for reporting, do not adequately reflect the true number of incidents that occur.

H2 = The severity of the violent incidents is not being recorded or reflected adequately in the reported statistics.

H3 = Following the same logic as the accident triangle, an incident triangle will be able to identify the probability of when a serious violent incident will occur.

H4 = Incidents of violence in the workplace will vary according to speciality.

To enable the hypotheses to be proven / not proven details of all incidents, reported to the Trust will be gathered, categorised, and analysed.

The following information is being requested to enable this to happen:

For the year 2018 to 2019, details of all incidents reported to the Trust via the incident / accident reporting system.

This is to include:

Incident date.

Anonymised description of the incident / accident.

Location / department / specialism.

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How the Trust categorised the incident i.e., accident / assault / near miss, etc.

Please see attached document.

The total number of violent / assault incidents recorded, by month, for the year 2018 to 2019.

Please see attached document.

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

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

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Yours sincerely

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Specialty	Location (exact)	Incident Date	Sub category	Description
Respiratory Medicine	Jevington Ward	01/04/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	The patient got up of his bed because of the noise - punched staff member on left lower jaw.
Frailty	Frailty Unit	03/04/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	The patient started to kick me, I asked the patient to stop. Very quickly the patient then proceeded to kick me hard off the bed, I fell landing on my left shoulder and arm and banging my head.
General Medicine	Acute Assessment Unit	11/04/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	I was talking to a member of staff a patient walked past me, he hit me at the back of my neck.
Intermediate Care	Irvine Unit Intermediate Care Unit	18/04/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt bit my left hand.
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Conquest	19/04/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt attended AE at 1755 with confusion. Pt being attended to and he punched the right side of her jaw.
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	25/04/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt kicked out her right leg and kicked the HCA's right breast. Which she stated was sore.
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	27/04/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Whilst helping to put a patient to bed, the patient bite the top of the HCAs left arm.
General Medicine	Tressell Ward	28/04/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt with dementia throwing things kicking punching biting spitting and using abusive language at staff.

General Surgery	De Cham Ward	28/04/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient reached out and slapped me while my concentration was broken writing in notes.
Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	29/04/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	while nursing a patient one to one the patient threatened the staff member verbally and took hold of both arms digging his finger nails into the skin.
Trauma and Orthopaedics	Egerton Trauma Ward	01/05/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt grabbed me at the neck and scratched me she drew blood with her nails.
District Nursing Seaford	Patients Home	03/05/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Patient pulled away during 1st attempt at bloods. Carer asked me to try other arm. As I approached the patient lunged at me scratching and breaking gloves while at the same time aggressively pushing my right hand/arm away.
General Surgery	Richard Ticehurst Surgical Assessment Unit	10/05/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient slapped the guard across the face.
General Medicine	Acute Medical Unit Eastbourne	13/05/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt literally squeezed my right hand strongly and suddenly hit me with a punch on top of my chest.
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Conquest	13/05/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt continued to be verbally aggressive towards me and then kicked me in my left thigh and then punched me twice in the abdomen.
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Conquest	16/05/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt threw the cup direct out of the cubicle hitting the security guard and situated outside the cubicle.

General Medicine	Seaford Ward	22/05/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Pt reached out and grabbed my hand while saying "Didn't they tell you I was aggressive". While saying this she dug her nails into my arm. This drew blood and raised swelling on my left forearm.
Trauma and Orthopaedics	Benson Trauma Ward	24/05/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	An RGN was attempting to flush a patient's Canulae in bed B1, who is under a DOLS, and he crushed her hand.
District Nursing Seaford	Patients Home	25/05/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Pt grabbed hold of shoulder and threw himself back causing staff member to pull their back.
Intermediate Care	Irvine Unit Intermediate Care Unit	31/05/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	The health care assistant was assisting a patient to move in the bed, the patient was getting agitated and struck out at the hca.
Intermediate Care	Irvine Unit Intermediate Care Unit	01/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt yanked the hca forward, wrenching the shoulder.
Gastroenterology	Wellington Ward	31/05/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	patient was verbally abusive to staff - threw cup of tea hitting staff.
Critical Care	Critical Care Unit EDGH	31/05/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Pt suddenly pushed nurse who fell off the chair onto the floor.

General Medicine	Acute Assessment Unit	04/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt began pinching, scratching and biting. Two staff members scratched and pinched, one also bitten.
General Medicine	Macdonald Ward	05/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt hit me in the stomach and smacked me on the head resulting in having a scratch on my forehead and throbbing head.
District Nursing Bexhill	CH - Greenaways Residential Care Home, Bexhill on Sea	03/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff member bent to check Blood Glucose patient grabbed tunic and pulled at my neck and hair.
General Medicine	Macdonald Ward	06/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt had been kicking, punching and scratching the nurses and climbing out of bed when he suddenly hit out and punched person affected hard in the stomach
Emergency Department	Clinical Decisions Unit Conquest	30/05/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Patient raised her voice and hit myself on the face.
General Medicine	Macdonald Ward	11/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt started to be very aggressive and suddenly punched me on my Left chest and was witnessed by HCA.
General Medicine	Acute Medical Unit Eastbourne	11/06/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Pt grabbed & pulled my right arm to help herself in a sit up position. I screamed out in pain then she let go.
Neurology	East Dean Stroke Unit	14/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	hypoxic patient became agitated threatened sister with cutlery calmed down sat in chair still in a heightened state, sprang from chair slashed at L arm with a knife stabbed in neck with a fork

Frailty	Newington Ward	15/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	HCA bitten on index finger of left hand while trying to get cord from patients hands as she was trying to put it around her neck
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Eastbourne	16/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient left department without clothes on, I followed patient outside. Patient turned and hit me around 8 times on my upper arms, and once across the top of the head above my left ear.
Intermediate Care	Rye Intermediate Care Unit	17/06/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	While attending to patient he began pulling my arm and grabbed it causing me pain in my neck and left arm.
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Eastbourne	22/06/2018	Sexual Misconduct	Staff health care assistant was recording observations on patient when he tried to touch her groin area.
General Medicine	Frailty Unit	23/06/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Patient becoming agitated pushed HCA
Frailty	Newington Ward	24/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt physically attacked staff member - grabbed wrist and jerked right arm whilst staff member was walking past.
Escalation Ward	Seaford Ward	27/06/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Pt scratched staff member and the staff nurse a couple of times.

Critical Care	Critical Care Unit EDGH	26/06/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Pt quickly become agitated and try to push staff member back and pulled their right shoulder.
Acute Medicine	Ambulatory Care Unit Conquest	30/06/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt continued to shout, threw the computer screen at me
Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	04/07/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	A patient under DOLS and one to one whom I looked after today bit myself on my left upper arm through my uniform.
Paediatrics	Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit (Friston)	06/07/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Patient came in for a blood test has special needs. Patient kicked staff member flat footed in upper abdomen.
Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	08/07/2018	Sexual Misconduct	The patient acted in a inappropriate way towards me while I was specialing her, tried to kiss me on the cheek and on my mouth and touched me on my personal area.
Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	12/07/2018	Sexual Misconduct	I was trying to get the patient to stay in the room as she was not fully dressed. I was standing beside the door and the patient tried to kiss me.
Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	12/07/2018	Sexual Misconduct	Patient approached me. she then brushed past me and grabbed at my private area.
Emergency Department	Clinical Decisions Unit Conquest	12/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient became agitated when staff explained unsafe to leave hospital, patient then struck occupational therapist across lower back with wooden walking stick.

Trauma and Orthopaedics	Benson Trauma Ward	13/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient given personal care became combative towards staff. Patient bit staff member quite hard on the left forearm which resulted in a bruise, red mark and a graze.
Trauma and Orthopaedics	Benson Trauma Ward	09/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt punched my colleague on her upper arm whilst patient was given personal care. Then patient slapped staff member full force in the face and across my left ear.
Cardiology	Coronary Care Unit EDGH	12/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient very agitated and aggressive overnight hitting staff.
Cardiology	Coronary Care Unit EDGH	13/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was agitated & kept trying to get out of the bed. Patient kicked HCA in the right side of her face.
Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	11/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient grabbed my both wrists, pushed me against the door whilst I was trying to prevent her leaving as she was not dressed correctly.
Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	15/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	The patient became very aggressive and was swearing and then went to hit me in the stomach. I am nearly 5 months pregnant, he missed but then kicked one HCA and then hit her in the face and then grabbed the other HCAs arm and left a mark on it.
Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	15/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	I was in front of patient bent down trying to assist him to stand when he hit me on the right side of my chin with his fist.
Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	15/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient pushed zimmer frame into staff members foot.

Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	15/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	When assisting patient to use the commode he reached out and grabbed my arms. He squeezed my arms and has made red marks on my arms.
Cardiology	Coronary Care Unit EDGH	16/07/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Patient became agitated and aggressive. The patient kept grabbing at my hands as well as others. On one occasion he twisted my fingers and bent them back
Trauma and Orthopaedics	Benson Trauma Ward	26/07/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	trying to help the patient to put her foot on the stryker foot plate and she hit me on the left side of my head.
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Conquest	22/07/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	The patient then kicked me in the abdomen and attempted to punch me while shouting and swearing.
Frailty	Tressell Ward	01/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt became more agitated and punched the HCA on to his Right side of the lower abdomen.
Frailty	Tressell Ward	31/07/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Patient with undiagnosed Dementia / Alzheimer had seriously assaulted two members of staff. Both staff members were hit around the head and face and the student nurse was violently grabbed by the neck until she was able to escape.
Critical Care	Critical Care Unit EDGH	02/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	My patient became confused overnight - patient grabbed staff members forearm and dug her nails in, marking my skin. She also tried to bite, hit and grab my thumb nearly breaking it.

Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	06/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient refused to come away from the door, she then grabbed HCA's wrist, she then pulled HCA's hair and scratched her neck.
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	05/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient deliberately dug her nails into my arm breaking the skin and spat in my face whilst hoisting her into the chair.
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Conquest	07/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient decided to be really abusive and very agitated called security and then she kicked me in my right leg .
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	09/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient complained of his legs hurting and suddenly slapped me with force across my left cheek/neck which made me step backwards.
Trauma and Orthopaedics	Egerton Trauma Ward	17/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Helping confused Patient to get out of bed to use the commode with a colleague and She became very aggressive and started punching and pushing me on the chest.
General Medicine	Macdonald Ward	17/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient started off by hitting staff member with his walking stick. Patient then picked up a zimmer frame up and chucked it across the floor and tried to aim to other HCAS.
Trauma and Orthopaedics	Cookson Devas Elective Ward	18/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient hit staff members legs with zimmer frame while she was trying to help him get back to chair.
Cardiology	Berwick Ward	25/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient has become more confused over the night. Patient grabbed and scratched staff members right lower arm and punch them in the chest.

Urology	Hailsham 4 Urology Ward	26/08/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient signed self discharge form. Patient was aggressive, threw a chair at staff.
Post Anaesthesia Care Unit (PACU, Recovery)	Day Surgery Unit, EDGH	04/09/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Child came into recovery. Child was lying on the trolley on his side. He kicked me in the left lower rib area hard.
General Medicine	Tressell Ward	07/09/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	I was trying to calm the patient and he kicked me in the face on the chin.
Trauma and Orthopaedics	Egerton Trauma Ward	07/09/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt aggressive towards staff - scratched staff member 4-5 times.
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	08/09/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	While providing a personal care to confused patient - patient grabbed staff members left arm and left hand scratched with his nails .
Emergency Department	Clinical Decisions Unit EDGH	11/09/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient in bed 8 punched out and caught my arm, his fingers nails scratched my right arm.
Stroke Team	Stroke Unit, EDGH	11/09/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Patient became aggressive and threw his table, the table end hit me across the lower back and left buttock.
Stroke Team	Stroke Unit, EDGH	12/09/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was agitated. He then calmed down. He suddenly lashed out and pulled my lanyard and grabbed my collar. He pulled me towards him causing a laceration on my chest and neck and began to strangle me with my clothing.

Trauma and Orthopaedics	Benson Trauma Ward	16/09/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient trying to walk - Staff members trying to help patient. Patient then tried to hit HCA. Patient punched other staff member in throat.
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Eastbourne	18/09/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	I was sitting with patient this morning he was becoming verbally aggressive that he wanted to leave I was trying to reassure him when he became physically aggressive and slapped me round the face
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Eastbourne	22/09/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Patient in resus aggressive and violent.
Emergency Department	Clinical Decisions Unit Conquest	27/09/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff member assisting with care turned their head away and the patient punched the staff member on the left side of their jaw.
General Medicine	Seaford Ward	02/10/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Confused aggressive patient hit out with a clenched fist catching staff member on my lower mouth and at the same time trying to kick the HCA.
Acute Medicine	Seaford Ward	01/10/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff member attending to patients needs - patient became very aggressive scratching and punching out. Patient punched staff member on the bridge of the nose.
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	08/10/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	The patient grabbed staff members left hand crushing and twisting it.
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	08/10/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was getting aggressive and kicked me in the leg three times.

Acute Medicine	Tressell Ward	15/10/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was being washed by HCA when suddenly the patient grabbed HCA on the right arm and dug nails in. HCA sustained a small broken skin.
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	16/10/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Tried to sit patient up right for his lunch and he punched me in the face twice.
Acute Medicine	Acute Assessment Unit	21/10/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient suffers from Alzheimer's. was very confused - threw water jug on staff.
Post Anaesthesia Care Unit (PACU, Recovery)	Day Surgery Unit, EDGH	25/10/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Pt managed to scratch the student nurse and punched PACU nurse on the chest.
Frailty	Tressell Ward	02/11/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff member was accompanying one of our patients to the toilet who is quite confused when suddenly he punched me straight into the chest area.
Acute Medicine	Baird Respiratory Ward	01/11/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient went to raise his hands at the staff member to which me and the HCA managed to get hold of his arms - he then pushed staff member.
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	06/11/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff member and colleague went to change bedding for a patient - the patient punched staff member on the chin.
Cardiology	Berwick Ward	06/11/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was assisted to walk as was agitated. Patient guided to walk became aggressive and tried to elbow staff member - staff member moved but got elbowed in the chest.

General Medicine	Folkington Ward, EDGH	06/11/2018	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Staff member stood by the bed the patient lashed out and punched staff member in the face.
Acute Medicine	Macdonald Ward	11/11/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff member was trying to feed the patient and she declined x2 times. Patient tried to undress herself - staff member tried to assist and patient became aggressive and scratch staff members arm.
Frailty	Tressell Ward	18/11/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient is confused. He was getting agitated and restless. HCA was trying to assist him as he was nearly falling off the bed and patient then punched HCA and hit her in the chin.
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Eastbourne	05/12/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	looking after mental health patient and while security were trying to get her back to room she hit out but caught me with her nails on my neck causing a scratch and it was bleeding.
Emergency Department		13/12/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient very confused, became very aggressive when security staff tried to stop him to leave CDU. Patient started wrestling with security staff and head butted him twice.
Critical Care	Critical Care Unit EDGH	17/12/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff member looking after patient. Patient was very agitated. Patient then tried to punch staff member and then scratched left forearm.
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	18/12/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient trying to take out the canula and staff member tried to stop them. Patient punched staff member in the stomach twice.
Crisis Response Service	Patients Home	11/12/2018	Sexual Misconduct	Patient grabbed staff member on the hips and made was sexually inappropriate

Dementia	Clinical Decisions Unit EDGH	20/12/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was with staff member in the toilet when she slapped staff member around the head and scratched their neck. The patient also punched, slapped and kicked the security guards, psychiatric nurses and ward staff.
District Nursing Bexhill	CH - Greenbanks EMI Home, Bexhill on Sea	25/12/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient having dressing changed. Patient had hit my arm and then went to hit my face but was able to move so he only just caught my face
Frailty	Frailty Unit	25/12/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	I was giving care to patient. As she was aggressive, she kicked my right thumb.
General Medicine	Acute Medical Unit Eastbourne	29/12/2018	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient admitted to the ward from a mental health ward under section 2, Patient became very aggressive and throwing jug of water at HCA's, also hurt one HCA on her wrist and punch another HCA on her face.
Cardiology	Coronary Care Unit Conquest	02/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient became aggressive towards staff shouting and swearing. Physically violent towards security guard who attended.
Community Stroke Rehab	Irvine Unit Intermediate Care Unit	07/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	During personal care of patient, who has dementia and has had a stroke, the patient grabbed my right hand and squeezed it very hard.
Acute Medicine	De Cham Ward	11/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	patient in C4 is very physically aggressive towards staff, punching them in the arms, neck and face on occasion whilst being cared for and being prevented from falling and/ or harm. patient is acutely confused.
Acute Medicine	De Cham Ward	13/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	HCA trying to assist patient from falling out of her chair as she is unsteady on her feet. Patient suddenly grabbed HCA's right hand and scratched her.

Frailty	Macdonald Ward	13/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	HCA reported while she was changing the pad and position to the patient, patient punched and scratched her nose
General Medicine	Tressell Ward	16/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	I have been notified by my HCA who is doing close observation to the new patient who is muddled, aggressive, wander some that the patient attempted to punch him while he was escorting the patient on the wheelchair on the ward.
Gastroenterology	Wellington Ward	19/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	A patient on the ward got very aggressive and was having a psychotic episode on the ward. The patient got up and walked towards me and punched me towards my stomach. Another HCA was then also punched in the stomach.
Critical Care	Critical Care Unit Conquest	24/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was agitated and became aggressive. He was trying to get out of bed, but at the time was deemed unsafe. Assisted patient in getting his feet back into the bed but he kicked out and kicked staff member in the abdomen.
Critical Care	Critical Care Unit Conquest	24/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Assisting patient with personal care, became aggressive and hit out hitting nurses chest.
Stroke Team	Stroke Unit, EDGH	25/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by others	Patient's son wanted to speak to consultant, staff member said team doctor will give him info as the consultant was not in the ward. Son became very angry and pushed staff member away.
Anaesthesia	Recovery Room Conquest	25/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	I was assisting three other nurses with the removal of the defib pads on the patient when he lashed out and punched staff member on the side of the jaw on the left side.

General Surgery	Gardner Ward	28/01/2019	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	A patient was confused and aggressive and hit hca on wrist twice.
Urology	Hailsham 4 Urology Ward	25/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Colleague was punched in the abdomen by a patient as colleague was trying to assist the patient back to his own bed.
Acute Medicine	Acute Medical Unit Eastbourne	01/02/2019	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	I was struck on the chest by a patient with a closed fist with intent to harm in bed space. Patient has known dementia.
Gastroenterology	Cuckmere Ward	31/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was being nursed 1:1 by an HCA, was overheard to become verbally aggressive and tried to assault HCA.
Cardiology	Coronary Care Unit EDGH	31/01/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by a member of staff	Consultant said 'no get in there' to staff member whilst discussing patient on ward round. Consultant shoved staff member into the bed space.
Acute Medicine	Acute Medical Unit Eastbourne	05/02/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt grabbed staff member and tried to bite her. The pt then kicked member of staff in the face and also scratched staff member's arms.
Acute Medicine	Cuckmere Ward	06/02/2019	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Pt was on DOLs attempting to leave. The patient gripped hard of staff members wrist and would not let go.

Acute Medicine	Coronary Care Unit EDGH	12/02/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Pt walked off the ward. Pt was asked to return but he then suddenly tried to hit staff member. Staff member did try to avoid this but his hand managed to hit shoulder.
Cardiology	Berwick Ward	18/02/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Whilst 3 hcas was trying to give person care to a patient he turned aggressive and punched a hca 6 times in the chest.
Out Patients	Main Reception/ Waiting Areas	20/02/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by a member of staff	I was standing in Reception Area A talking to a patient and Receptionist. Suddenly a colleague came from behind and kicked me in the right knee from behind.
Post Anaesthesia Care Unit (PACU, Recovery)	Recovery Room Eastbourne	21/02/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Whilst attempting to help colleague, patient kicked me in the central upper abdomen between ribs, causing pain and nausea.
Acute Medicine	Frailty Unit	22/02/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff member assisting a patient with a position change when he swung his arm and punched them the face. .
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	28/02/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Put patients legs back in the bed and he kicked me in the face. On the second occasion patient punched me in the breast resulting in pain and discomfort.
General Medicine	Tressell Ward	01/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Tried reposition patient onto an air mattress using a hoist. Patient started to punch health care assistant on her back and kicked the staff nurse.
Frailty	Tressell Ward	03/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	On attending a patient she bit my left small finger.Care in her best interest whilst suffering delirious episode.

Geriatric and Services for the Elderly	Tressell Ward	06/03/2019	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Whilst Trying to check and change patient, he became aggressive and grabbed hold of my left wrist and held on very tight and was squeezing it. It took two of my collages to free my wrist from patient grip. Left wrist is now painful but no outward injury.
General Medicine	Stroke Unit, EDGH	08/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was under DOLS became physically aggressive - hitting out at staff continuously.
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Conquest	10/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff have been hit, spat and sworn during the incident. Items of medical equipment have likely been damaged.
Emergency Department	Emergency Unit Conquest	10/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Violent patient, resisted catheterisation, hit out at myself and colleagues, and had to be restrained.
Intermediate Care	Rye Intermediate Care Unit	11/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff member trying to settle patient with a colleague. Patient became very aggressive grabbing wrist and squeezed it very tight. Patient then kicked staff member in the abdomen.
Respiratory Medicine	Jevington Ward	11/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was continuing removing his oxygen mask, staff member tried to explain to him the importance to keep it on, when suddenly patient punched staff member in the face.
Frailty	Macdonald Ward	12/03/2019	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	While repositioning a patient without capacity they grabbed my right upper arm and dug there nails in puncturing the skin and causing wound to bleed.

Acute Medicine	Acute Medical Unit Eastbourne	13/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient recovering from alcohol addiction threatened me 3 times in a row. He was in my face saying "What are you looking at" Very scary to experience, I felt my life threatened.
Frailty	Newington Ward	14/03/2019	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	While assisting patient to transfer to the commode, patient grabbed on my neck while was sitting down on the commode.
Stroke Team	Stroke Unit, EDGH	17/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff member was specialising patient in sideroom. Patient was very agitated and threw hot cup of tea on staff member.
Crisis Response Service	General Public or Community Areas	18/03/2019	Sexual Misconduct	Whilst assisting a patient with personal care, the patient used his left hand to cup my right buttock and squeeze.
District Nursing Hailsham	Patients Home	15/03/2019	Sexual Misconduct	While assessing the patients pressure areas - patient slapped staff members buttocks hard a few times.
Critical Care	Critical Care Unit EDGH	19/03/2019	Aggression - Non intentional assault by patients e.g. head injury, medication	Patient scratched my neck causing abrasions and bleeding.
Day Surgery	Day Surgery Unit, EDGH	19/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Whilst trying to help a child in PACU staff member was kicked in the leg.
Post Anaesthesia Care Unit (PACU, Recovery)	Day Surgery Unit, EDGH	19/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Staff members tried waking patient. Patient very stressed and agitated kicking, biting and punching staff.

Frailty	Tressell Ward	20/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	1:1 patient was very restless and aggressive, pulling his cannula-tube. HCA stepped near to stop the pump falling on his head, when he grabbed HCA right hand and right wrist, with both of his hands (squeezing and twisting her hand and wrist in opposite direction)
Cardiology	Berwick Ward	24/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	The patient was trying to pull his catheter out. The carer was trying to stop him and patient punched her on her face and nose.
Ear, Nose and Throat	Hailsham 4 Urology Ward	27/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient became confused, aggressive and violent, punched health care assistant on his upper right front shoulder.
CT Scanning	CT Scanning	27/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	During a manual handling of a CDU patient, the patient grabbed staff members right wrist and scratched me.
Acute Medicine	Acute Assessment Unit	31/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient was under section of Mental Health Act and medically fit for discharge. She refused to be discharged and the nurses asked for my help to explain it to her. She became verbally aggressive and then grabbed my right arm, scratching it with her fingernails and attempting to bite it.
Acute Medicine	De Cham Ward	31/03/2019	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Patient hit staff nurse with her walking crutch on buttock, causing pain.

Month	Total number of Staff Assaults
April (2018)	10
May	13
June	17
July	19
August	11
September	11
October	8
November	7
December	9
January (2019)	15
February	9
March	23