

FOI REF: 23/241

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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. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)**

2021/22	276 assaults on staff.
2022/23	291 assaults on staff.

- 2. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded that involved medical factors in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)**

2021/22	171 assaults on staff.
2022/23	161 assaults on staff.

- 3. The total number of times physical injury to staff was recorded following physical assaults in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31). If possible, please break down the number of injuries reported by severe/major, moderate, and low/minor.**

2021/22	18 severity one (no injury/near miss) 250 severity two (minor injury) 6 severity three (moderate injury)
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2022/23	9 severity one (no injury/near miss) 278 severity two (minor injury) 4 severity three (moderate injury)
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- 4. The total number of times restraint was used on a service user/patient following a physical assault on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).**

We do not have a record for number of restraints.

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5. **The total number of times was seclusion used on a service user/patient following a physical assault on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).**

[Not Applicable.](#)

6. **Total number of criminal sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).**

[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/>

7. **Total number of civil and administrative sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).**

<a href="#">2021/22</a>	<a href="#">12 yellow card sanctions issued.</a>
<a href="#">2022/23</a>	<a href="#">10 yellow card sanctions issued.</a>

8. **The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as charge in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)**

[Please see question 6.](#)

9. **The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as verbal warning in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)**

[Please see question 6.](#)

10. **The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as no action in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)**

[Please see question 6.](#)

11. **The total number of times it was recorded that the victim did not want police to pursue the matter in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)**

[Please see question 6.](#)

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:

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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