

FOI REF: 24/075

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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) **Please can you provide the number of physical assaults against hospital staff by patients and members of the public on the Trust's premises for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Physical Assaults on Staff</b>	224	250	312	317	315

- 2) **How many of these physical assaults were reported to the police for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

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/>

- 3) **If you hold this data, how many had a criminal justice outcome (e.g. cautioned, charged, taken to court) for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

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**4) Since 2019 has the Trust introduced any additional measures to try to reduce the number of physical assaults against hospital staff? If so, please specify what measures have been taken e.g. body cameras, CCTV in clinical areas, more security guards etc?**

- Security officers wear BWV.
- Increase in security officers from 1 per acute site to 2 per acute site.
- Increase in number of security ward covers for V&A patients.
- Increase CCTV in A&E.

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](mailto: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  
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Yours sincerely

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