

FOI REF: 24/621

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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. How much money was spent by your trust on private security for the protection of staff in the following years?

2018	£510,312
2019	£528,209
2020	£910,621
2021	£1,016,038
2022	£902,966
2023	£1,826,942

2. How many attacks were recorded on members hospital/ambulance staff by non-hospital staff in the same years?

2018	4
2019	3
2020	3
2021	4
2022	4
2023	6

3. If recorded, what was the nature of these incidents (verbal/physical/racial etc)?

2018	4 verbal
2019	3 verbal
2020	3 verbal
2021	4 verbal
2022	1 physical + 3 verbal
2023	6 verbal

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

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Yours sincerely

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