

FOI REF: 25/043

30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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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. a) **In the financial years 2022/23, 23/24, and 24/25 (Up to 08.01.25), how many members of clinical staff were physically assaulted by members of the public? Please provide a breakdown by role if it is possible and doesn't exceed the cost threshold, e.g doctors, nurses, physicians, paramedics.**

[Please see the attached document – 'FOI 25-043 Staff Assaults by public', for the period 2022/23 and 2023/24.](#)

[Please note that due to a change in our Risk Management System, in May 2024, the Trust have not been capturing this information by staff type, therefore we do not hold this information for 2024/25.](#)

- b) **Of those clinical staff who were assaulted, how many required hospital treatment as a result of their injuries? Please provide a breakdown by role, if it is possible and doesn't exceed the cost threshold, for the same financial years.**

[We do not hold this information, as the Trust does not capture this data on our Risk Management System.](#)

- c) **How many days of medical leave were granted to members of clinical staff owing to injuries sustained after an assault by a member of the public? Please provide a breakdown by role, if it is possible and doesn't exceed the cost threshold, for the same financial years.**

[We do not hold this information, as the Trust does not record this data.](#)

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2. a) **In the financial years 2022/23, 23/24, and 24/25 (Up to 08.01.25), how many members of non-clinical staff were physically assaulted by members of the public?**

Please see the attached document – ‘FOI 25-043 Staff Assaults by public’, for the period 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Please note that due to a change in our Risk Management System, in May 2024, the Trust have not been capturing this information by staff type, therefore we do not hold this information for 2024/25.

- b) **Of those who were assaulted, how many required hospital treatment as a result of their injuries?**

We do not hold this information, as the Trust does not capture this data on our Risk Management System.

- c) **How many days of medical leave were granted to members of non-clinical staff owing to injuries sustained after an assault by a member of the public?**

We do not hold this information, as the Trust does not record this data.

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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	Medical - Consultant	Medical - Specialist Registrar	Medical - Doctor in Training	Nursing - Registered Nurse	Nursing - Healthcare Assistant	Allied Healthcare Practitioner	Scientific / Technical	Ancillary and Support Workers	Administrative and Clerical	Manager (Line / Service / General / Senior / Team Leader)	Total
2022/2023	4	2	2	142	69	8	0	4	5	10	246
2023/2024	2	2	1	144	84	9	1	6	2	5	256
Total	6	4	3	299	160	20	1	10	7	15	525