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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:

Please can you provide me with the number of reported assaults upon NHS staff at your trust in 2022, 2023 and 2024 (or the latest three years where data is available).

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 24-737 - Assaults on Staff 2022 to 2024'.](#)

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), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
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Assaults on Staff Jan 22 to Dec 24 (Calendar Year)

	Sexual Misconduct	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by a member of staff	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by others	Violence/Aggression - Physical assault by patient	Violence/Aggression - Verbal abuse from employee	Violence/Aggression - Verbal abuse from others	Violence/Aggression - Verbal abuse from patient	Total
2022	11	4	5	242	115	67	203	647
2023	7	1	4	249	146	87	213	707
2024	6	2	12	313	112	108	190	743
Total	24	7	21	804	373	262	606	2097