

FOI REF: 26/494

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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

I would like to request information relating to reported incidents of violence and aggression within Emergency Departments (EDs) operated by the Trust.

Please provide the following information for each ED site managed by the Trust, broken down by month, between January 2018 and May 2026:

- 1) Please provide the total number of reported incidents involving violence, aggression, or abusive behaviour in Emergency Departments.**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-494 V&A in EDs Jan 18 to Mar 26'.](#)

- 2) Where available, please separately categorise [LO1] incidents by type, including:**

- a) Verbal abuse.**
- b) Threats of violence.**
- c) Physical assault.**
- d) Sexual harassment.**
- e) Discrimination-based abuse (because of: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sexual orientation)**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-494 V&A in EDs Jan 18 to Mar 26'.](#)

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information (FOI) Team
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Violence and Aggression in EDs 01/01/18 - 31/05/26

Location where incident occurred/Type of V&A	Physical assault by a member of staff	Physical assault by others	Physical assault by patient	Verbal abuse from employee	Verbal abuse from others	Verbal abuse from patient	Sexual Misconduct	Total
Conquest Hospital / Emergency Department Conquest	4	4	165	77	67	223	3	543
Eastbourne District General Hospital / Emergency Department EDGH	1	2	63	80	20	99	7	272
Total	5	6	228	157	87	322	10	815

These incidents are included in the numbers in the table above

Discrimination/Harassment Incidents Included in V&A in EDs	Discrimination against Age	Discrimination (racial, sexual or gender etc)	Sexual misconduct	Sexual Orientation	Total
Conquest Hospital / Emergency Department Conquest	10	36	4	0	50
Eastbourne District General Hospital / Emergency Department EDGH	6	13	2	3	24
Total	16	49	6	3	74