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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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information on incidents of violence and aggression by patients against staff working in Emergency Departments (EDs) within your organisation.

Please provide the following information.

1. Annual totals of incidents

For each calendar year from 1 January 2018 to the date of this request in 2026, please provide the total number of recorded incidents of violence and aggression perpetrated by patients against staff working in Emergency Departments.

Please provide one annual total for each year, covering the following periods:

• 2018: 1 January – 31 December 2018	17
• 2019: 1 January – 31 December 2019	36
• 2020: 1 January – 31 December 2020	66
• 2021: 1 January – 31 December 2021	93
• 2022: 1 January – 31 December 2022	109
• 2023: 1 January – 31 December 2023	130
• 2024: 1 January – 31 December 2024	81
• 2025: 1 January – 31 December 2025	108
• 2026: 1 January – 30 September 2026	77

2. Missing data and reporting coverage

For every calendar year in which a figure cannot be provided, or in which the figure does not cover the full reporting period, please explain the reason.

[Not applicable; all data is available and has been provided in our response to Question 1 above. For 2026, we have provided data up until the end of the last full calendar month.](#)

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

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