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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 012471 – physical attacks on premises

**I would like to request information about physical attacks on premises owned by your Trust. By 'physical attacks' I mean records of any physical attack by one person on another person reported to or collected by your Trust, or reported by your Trust to the police or any other law enforcement agency.**

**1) For each of the last five years, please provide the total number of physical attacks by patients on**

**a) Patients - 45**

**b) Staff -** Please see response at the bottom of the page.

**c) Visitors –** Information for questions 1c, 2c and 3a and 3c is not held in a structured format in a central electronic reporting system. Access to such figures for a period of 5 years would involve a manual count which would potentially take the Trust over the 18 hours of mandated FOI time to collate, where the cost would exceed the appropriate limit under FOI exemption section 12(1)

**on premises owned by your Trust**

**and the total amount of compensation paid out by your Trust for physical attacks in each case. -**

Nil compensation paid for years 2010-2015 inclusive

**2) For each of the last five years, please provide the number of attacks by staff on**

**a) patients -**

This information is held in the Trust's incident reporting database. Incidents are reviewed on an individual basis at the time of the incident.

There is not a requirement for these figures to be published nationally, and therefore the Trust does not hold the specifics in a centralised electronic validated report.

To provide information for this question, over a period of 5 years, would require analysing and validating individual records, to include free text fields, highlighting any type of 'assault' or 'harm'. The cost for which would exceed the appropriate limit under FOI exemption section 12(1)

**b) staff -** Please see the response at the bottom of the page.

**c) visitors** – Information for questions 1c, 2c and 3a and 3c is not held in a structured format in a central electronic reporting system. Access to such figures for a period of 5 years would involve a manual count which would potentially take the Trust over the 18 hours of mandated FOI time to collate, where the cost would exceed the appropriate limit under FOI exemption section 12(1)

**on premises owned by your Trust**

**and the total amount of compensation paid out by your Trust for physical attacks in each case.**

Nil compensation paid for years 2010-2015 inclusive

**3) For each of the last five years, please provide the number of physical attacks by visitors on**

**a) patients** - Information for questions 1c, 2c and 3a and 3c is not held in a structured format in a central electronic reporting system. Access to such figures for a period of 5 years would involve a manual count which would potentially take the Trust over the 18 hours of mandated FOI time to collate, where the cost would exceed the appropriate limit under FOI exemption section 12(1)

**b) staff** - Please see the response at the bottom of the page.

**c) visitors** – Information for questions 1c, 2c and 3a and 3c is not held in a structured format in a central electronic reporting system. Access to such figures for a period of 5 years would involve a manual count which would potentially take the Trust over the 18 hours of mandated FOI time to collate, where the cost would exceed the appropriate limit under FOI exemption section 12(1)

**on premises owned by your Trust**

**and the total amount of compensation paid out by your Trust for physical attacks in each case.**

Nil compensation paid for years 2010-2015 inclusive

Response for questions 1 a-c, 2 a-c and 3 a-c):

Information regarding assaults on staff is published and available on the NHS Protect website. As the information is already in the public domain the Trust wishes to use FOI exemption Section 21 Information Accessible to Applicant by other means. Please find the links below to the information.

The Trust reports assaults externally to the NHS Protect website, which contains the national NHS statistics for assaults against staff (specific assailants are not required to be shown separately) reflecting their definition of intent and actual physical contact: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/protect](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/protect) . Specific figures can be found under the following links;

2013 - 14 [http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Documents/SecurityManagement/Reported\\_Physical\\_Assaults\\_2013-14.pdf](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Documents/SecurityManagement/Reported_Physical_Assaults_2013-14.pdf)

2012 - 13 <http://www.nhscounterfraud.nhs.uk/2012-13%20Reported%20physical%20assaults%20on%20NHS%20staff%20NO%20PCT%20&%20SHA%20v2%20PCC.pdf>

2011 - 12 [http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Documents/SecurityManagement/2011-12 NHS Violence Against Staff.pdf](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Documents/SecurityManagement/2011-12_NHS_Violence_Against_Staff.pdf)

2010 - 11 [http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Documents/SecurityManagement/2010-11 NHS Violence Against Staff FINAL 01-11-2011.pdf](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Documents/SecurityManagement/2010-11_NHS_Violence_Against_Staff_FINAL_01-11-2011.pdf)

The totals for 2014/2015 are to be released at the beginning of November under the following link: <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/3645.aspx>