

Freedom of Information request 014711

28/3/19

1) The total number of physical assaults on staff for the following time periods:

- 2017-2018
- 2018-2019, or up until the most recent month available

By physical assaults on staff I refer to the definition used in the NHS Protect 2016 Guidance: "the intentional application of force against the person without lawful justification resulting in physical injury or personal discomfort. Spitting is included in the definition of a physical assault."

2) If available, please also release the relevant data sets for these time periods.

2. The total number of non-physical assaults on staff for the following time periods:

- 2017-2018
- 2018-2019, or up until the most recent month available

Violence and Aggression against Staff - non-physical assaults

	(VA) Violence and Aggression due to medical condition	(VA) Aggressive, Intimidating, or Inappropriate Behaviour	(VA) Alcohol related	(VA) Racial Abuse/Discrimination	(VA) Sexual Abuse/Discrimination	(VA) Verbal Abuse	Total
Apr 2017- Mar 2018	42	105	**See comments below			61	208
Apr 2018 - Feb 2019	50	117	Total of 6 for alcohol, racial and sexual abuse/discrimination			49	222
Total	92	222		6		110	430

**As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved. Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

The figures for Apr 17 to March 18 for alcohol, racial and sexual abuse/discrimination have been added to the figures for verbal abuse.

Physical Assaults on Staff

	(VA) Physical Abuse or Assault	(VA) Physical Abuse or Assault with Weapon	Total
Apr 2017- Mar 2018	126	12	138
Apr 2018 - Feb 2019	61	6	67
Total	187	18	205