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Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

1.The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)

	2021/2022	2022/2023	Grand Total
	65	75	140

2.The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded that involved medical factors in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31) - ***There is no subcategory for 'medical factors' so a report cannot be run for this information, information would be in the description of the incident.***

3.The total number of times physical injury to staff was recorded following physical assaults in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31). If possible, please break down the number of injuries reported by severe/major, moderate, and low/minor.

Severity	2021/2022	2022/2023	Grand Total
Low (minimal harm caused)	46	48	94
Moderate (short term harm caused)	1		1

Near Miss	5	10	15
None (no harm caused)	13	17	30
Grand Total	65	75	140

4.The total number of times restraint was used on a service user/patient following a physical assault on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

	2021/2022	2022/2023	Grand Total
Restraint Used	12	9	21

5.The total number of times was seclusion used on a service user/patient following a physical assault on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

6.Total number of criminal sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

7.Total number of civil and administrative sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31). - All sanctions which are applied whether they are warning letters / markers or exclusions letters are recorded as a whole and cover inappropriate or unacceptable behaviours which includes aggression towards staff

8.The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as charge in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)

9.The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as verbal warning in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)

10.The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as no action in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)

11.The total number of times it was recorded that the victim did not want police to pursue the matter in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)

Questions 5 and 6 and 8 to 11 - There are no subcategories for the information requested so a report cannot be run for this information, information would be in the description of the incident. If Police were involved any Police action would be between the Police and the victim.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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