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**Date:** 6.3.25

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Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

1. I) In the financial years 2022/23, 23/24, and 24/25 (Up to 08.01.25), how many members of clinical staff were physically assaulted by members of the public? Please provide a breakdown by role if it is possible and doesn't exceed the cost threshold, e.g doctors, nurses, physicians, paramedics.

Information is not collected by staff role.

Report has been run for assault by members of the public this does not include assault by patients.

2022/2023 – 0

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II) Of those clinical staff who were assaulted, how many required hospital treatment as a result of their injuries? Please provide a breakdown by role, if it is possible and doesn't exceed the cost threshold, for the same financial years. - Not known. 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.

III) How many days of medical leave were granted to members of clinical staff owing to injuries sustained after an assault by a member of the public? Please provide a breakdown by role, if it is possible and doesn't exceed the cost threshold, for the same financial years. - Not known 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.

2. I) In the financial years 2022/23, 23/24, and 24/25 (Up to 08.01.25), how many members of non-clinical staff were physically assaulted by members of the public?

- Please see response to question 1.

II) Of those who were assaulted, how many required hospital treatment as a result of their injuries? – Not known. 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.

III) How many days of medical leave were granted to members of non-clinical staff owing to injuries sustained after an assault by a member of the public? - Not known, 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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