



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-701

Date 5th February 2025

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email 15th January 2025 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Assaults on Hospital Trust staff

Q1 My name [REDACTED] and I am writing from [REDACTED] - the UK's biggest commercial news station. I hope you're well.

I am writing with a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I would like to ask the following:

1) 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.

A1 Please see below. Please note a breakdown of clinical/non-clinical staff members is not held. Please note that the breakdown is by role as the data is not held by job role.

2022/23	285 staff members assaulted by members of the public (clinical and non-clinical)
2023/24	339 staff members assaulted by members of the public (clinical and non-clinical)
2024/25 (Up to 08.01.25)	320 staff members assaulted by members of the public (clinical and non-clinical)

Q2 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.

A2 Information not held

Q3 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.

A3 Information not held

Q4 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?

A4 Please see table below. Please note a breakdown of clinical/non-clinical staff members is not held

2022/23	285 staff members assaulted by members of the public (clinical and non-clinical)
2023/24	339 staff members assaulted by members of the public (clinical and non-clinical)
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Q5 Of those who were assaulted, how many required hospital treatments as a result of their injuries?

A5 The Trust does not hold this information

Q6 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?

A6 There are two flags on sickness absence which might be used:

- 1) Work Related
- 2) Violence Related

To ensure that only violence related to work, for sickness absence, is identified, we would expect both 1 and 2 above to show on the relevant absence records.

Having reviewed, there is no data, for non-clinical staff, where items (1) and (2) are flagged on the record.

Only data from 1st April 2022 until 31st December 2024, has been checked, because sickness absence for January 2024 has not yet been processed.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries relating to the response please contact my office

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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