

Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information:

1. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)
01/04/2021:31/03/2022 = 123.
01/04/2022:31/03/2023 = 184.
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)
01/04/2021:31/03/2022 = 45.
01/04/2022:31/03/2023 = 76.
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.
01/04/2021:31/03/2022 = Low harm = 68
01/04/2022:31/03/2023 = Low harm = 104, Moderate harm = 2.
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). **Data not able to be gathered as currently the form is doesn't specify if restraint is used following assault on staff.**
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).
Not recorded on Datix
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).
Not recorded on Datix
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).
Not recorded on Datix
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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
Not recorded on Datix

Notes:

- Assaults involving medical factors - the number of physical assaults where the perpetrator did not know what they were doing, or did not know what they were doing was wrong due to medical illness, mental ill health, severe learning disability or treatment administered, if noted.
- Restraint used - If in the course of a physical assault incident, the service user/patient had to be restrained - see:
<http://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?allId=4203>
- Seclusion used - If in the course of a physical assault incident, seclusion was used for the service user/patient - see:
<http://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?allId=42033>
- Reported Criminal Sanctions include but are not limited to: Cautions & Conditional Cautions, Community Rehabilitation or Punishment Orders, Conditional Discharges, Fines, Fixed Penalty Notices, Imprisonment (including suspended sentences) and Restorative Justice - as per <https://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/Governance/disclosure-log/Health%20and%20Safety/FOI%20-%202014405%20Reported%20Physical%20Assaults%202015-16.pdf>
- Reported Civil and Administrative Sanctions include but are not limited to: Acceptable Behaviour Agreements, Banning from Premises, Harassment Warning Issued, Injunction, Use of CJIA Powers, Violent Patient Scheme/History Marking Procedure and Warning Letters - as per <https://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/Governance/disclosure-log/Health%20and%20Safety/FOI%20-%202014405%20Reported%20Physical%20Assaults%202015-16.pdf>
- Suppression of small numbers - Previous ICO decision notices where a complaint was upheld in relation to Section 40: [Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#) and [Barts Health NHS Trust](#)

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