

Freedom of Information Act Request

I'm requesting information under the FOI act. If this is data held by yourselves, I'd appreciate being provided with it in the 20 day timeframe.

1/ How much money was spent by your trust on private security for the protection of staff in the following years?

2018 – N/A
2019 - £512,927
2020 - £519,114
2021 - £529,926
2022 - £540,561
2023 - £551,415
Exc VAT
Secondly,

2/ How many attacks were recorded on members hospital/ambulance staff by non-hospital staff in the same years?

2018 - 336
2019 - 249
2020 - 252
2021 - 350
2022 - 377
2023 - 489

Finally,

3/ If recorded, what was the nature of these incidents (verbal/physical/racial etc)?

2018 – Agitated threatening behaviour -74
Assault with a weapon -11
Physical abuse/ assault - 165
Racial -- *
Sexual -6
Verbal abuse -75

2019 - Agitated threatening behaviour -46
Assault with a weapon- *
Physical abuse/ assault -132
Racial -*
Sexual -*
Verbal abuse -62

2020 - Agitated threatening behaviour -55
Assault with a weapon - *
Physical abuse/ assault -117
Racial -*

Sexual -*
Verbal abuse -71

2021 - Agitated threatening behaviour -106
Assault with a weapon -5
Physical abuse/ assault -151
Racial -*
Sexual - 5
Verbal abuse -80

2022 - Agitated threatening behaviour -106
Assault with a weapon -5
Physical abuse/ assault -152
Racial -*
Sexual -7
Verbal abuse - 105

2023 - Agitated threatening behaviour -158
Assault with a weapon -7
Physical abuse/ assault -225
Racial -7
Sexual -9
Verbal abuse -83

*= numbers lower than 5 - ****Personal Data****: The numbers requested pertain to very small groups, which could potentially lead to the identification of individuals, thereby constituting personal data.

- ****Data Protection Principles****: Disclosing this information would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner. Releasing data where the numbers are fewer than five could inadvertently disclose personal information about identifiable individuals.

In conclusion, while we strive to be as transparent as possible, the information you requested includes counts fewer than five, and releasing such detailed data could lead to the identification of individuals. Therefore, we are unable to disclose this information under Section 40(2) of the FOIA.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to: [Internal review contact details].

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If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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