



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-018

Date: 27th April 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th April 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding assaults.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information?

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

A1 See below:
2021/2022 = 254
2022/2023 = 285

Q2 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)

A2 See below:
2021/2022 = 175
2022/23 = 176

Q3 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.

A3 See below:
2021/2022 = 2
2022/2023 = 9
*These are RIDDOR

- Q4** 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).
- A4 See below:
2021/2022 = 166
2022/2023 = 266
- Q5** 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).
- A5 Information not held
- Q6** 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).
- A6 See below:
2021/2022 = 4
2022/2023 = 3
The above are what we have recorded
- Q7** 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).
- A7 Information not held
- Q8** 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)
- A8 Information not held
- Q9** 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)
- A9 Information not held:
- Q10** 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)
- A10 Information not held
- Q11** 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)
Please see the notes section for background information on the requested information.
Please let me know if you have any queries or need further clarification.

Please provide the information as a spread sheet or CSV file.

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](#)

A11 Information not held

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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 related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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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.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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