



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-710

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 23rd January 2024 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 Please can you provide the number of physical assaults against hospital staff by patients and members of the public on the Trusts premises for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?

A1 See below:
2018/19 – 232
2019/20 – 241
2020/21 – 260
2021/22 – 254
2022-23 - 285

Q2 How many of these physical assaults were reported to the police for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?

A2 Information not held centrally by UHNM

Q3 If you hold this data, how many had a criminal justice outcome (e.g. cautioned, charged, taken to court) for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?

A3 See below:
2018/19 – 4 known outcomes through the court system.
2019/20 – 5 known outcomes through the court system.
2020/21 – 7 known outcomes through the court system.
2021/22 – 14 known outcomes through the court system.

2022/23 – 9 known outcomes through the court system.

Q4 Since 2019 has the Trust introduced any additional measures to try to reduce the number of physical assaults against hospital staff? If so, please specify what measures have been taken e.g. body cameras, CCTV in clinical areas, more security guards etc?

A4 See below:

- Implementation of new CCTV schemes
- Introduction of security supervisor posts
- Introduction of deputy security manager post
- Implementation of regular meetings with the local policing team
- Partnership working with local PCSO's – site patrols
- Security Awareness days – Including local policing team
- CCTV Body worn video in use

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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.

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Yours,

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