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Thank you for your request concerning the total number of physical attacks/assaults that took place in 2016.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. For 2016 the total number of physical attacks/assaults that took place in the trust on:

Category	Number
Staff (both clinical and administrative)	867
Patients	375
Visitors*	41

*The number provided includes for both members of the public and visitors as we cannot distinguish between the two.

2. Where known any details of the assault (redacted where necessary to protect confidentiality).

In order for us to provide you with details of the assaults and redact personal identifiable information would require every incident to be reviewed manually.

To carry out this task would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450.¹

For example it would mean looking at the 1,283 incident reports and it is estimated that it would take approximately 10 minutes to read, extract the information and anonymise i.e. 213 hours @ £25ph = £5,345.

3. The number of times that the police were called following the instances above.

Please see the answer to question 2. Currently it is not possible to pull out this information, although we are looking to capture this information in the future.

4. How much money does the trust spend on security staff (or sub-contractors)?

Not applicable

¹ Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act allows public authorities to refuse to answer requests for information if the cost of complying would exceed the 'appropriate limit' prescribed in the Fees Regulations.

5. Does the trust use on-body cameras in the hospital in any form?

Not applicable

Should you require further clarification or like to discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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FOI/DPA Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

