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Our Ref: FOI 2868

Thank you for your request concerning the number of assault on patients in in-house mental health facilities from 2011 to 2018.

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

**1) Total number of reported patient on staff assaults in in-patient mental health facilities managed by your Trust each year?**

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*
Total	25	65	53	55	51	68	72	31

\*Please note figures for 2018 cover from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**2) Total number of reported patient on patient assaults in in-patient mental health facilities managed by your Trust each year?**

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total	49	87	76	76	82	75	182	40

**3) Number of reported arson attempts / deliberately started fires in in-patient mental health facilities managed by your Trust each year?**

Year	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Total	2	3	3	4	1	3	2

**4) Number of reported assaults that included a weapon (knife, razor blade, needle etc.) in in-patient mental health facilities managed by your Trust each year?**

In order for us to provide you with details of the number of reported assaults that included a weapon, to carry out this task would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450<sup>1</sup>.

For example it would mean looking at the 1,353 incidents reported and it is estimated that it would take approximately 10 minutes to read, extract the information i.e. 225 hours @ £25ph = £5,650.00

<sup>1</sup> 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.

Under section 12 of the FOIA a public authority only has to comply with a request for information when the cost of compliance does not exceeds the appropriate limit or when the cost of compliance is met by the applicant.

**5) Total amount paid in compensation by the Trust as a result of reported assaults by patients at in-patient mental health facilities managed by your trust each year?**

We have not paid any compensation as a result of reported assaults by patients; we have occasionally made payments to reimburse items damaged and have disclosed figures below.

Year	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Total	£1,378	£0	£19	£214	£3,140	£0	£0

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

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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](#).

