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Our Ref: FOI/03247

Thank you for your request concerning violence and abuse against NHS staff.

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

1. The total number of physical assaults on staff for the following time periods:

	Number of Physical Assaults on Staff
2017/18	887
2018/19	838
The above numbers have been obtained from our Patient Safety recording system. The data has not been scrutinised for accuracy.	

2. If available, please also release the relevant data sets for these time periods.

To provide you with an accurate data set would involve a high level of data validation and to carry out this task would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450¹.

Under section 12 of the FOIA a public authority does not have to comply with a request for information if the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

It is estimated that it would take approximately 5 minutes to manually review each of the 1,725 individual records to validate the information, i.e. 144 hours @ £25ph = £3,594.

3. The total number of non-physical assaults on staff for the following time periods:

	Number of Non-Physical Assaults on Staff
2017/18	904
2018/19	781
The above numbers have been obtained from our Patient Safety recording system. The data has not been scrutinised for accuracy.	

¹ Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit has been applied

4. If available, please also release the relevant data sets for these time periods.

As explain under question 2, to provide you with the accurate data sets would involve a high level of data validation and to carry out this task would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450¹.

It is estimated that it would take approximately 5 minutes to manually review each of the 1,685 individual records to validate the information, i.e. 140 hours @ £25ph = £3,510.

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

**Sue Smith
Information Rights 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](#).

