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Thank you for your request concerning Assaults on Emergency Service Workers.

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

Questions:

1. **Between the 14th November 2018 and the 19th October 2021 how many assaults have been committed against staff who fall within the definition of emergency services worker.**
2. **How many the results were reported to the police**
3. **How many of the assaults which reported to the police had a criminal justice outcome, a criminal justice outcome is defined as charge, caution, conviction acquittal**

Legal definition of an Emergency Worker

Emergency workers are defined at s.3(1) of the 2018 Act as a:

Person employed for the purposes of providing, or engaged to provide NHS health services, or services in the support of the provision of NHS health services, and whose general activities in doing so involve face to face interaction with individuals receiving the services or with other members of the public.

For Guidance:

For the purposes of this FOI I seek information on the number of physical assaults committed against mental health medical staff.

Answer:

The information you are requesting is not held in a reportable format.

In order to provide you with the information as defined in your guidance would involve manually reviewing each of the 3,662 assaults reported and to carry out this task would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450¹.

It is estimated that it would take approximately 20 minutes to manually scrutinise each individual incident report to extract the requested information, i.e. 1,220.66 hours @ £25ph = £30,516.66.

¹ Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

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.

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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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](#).

