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Thank you for your request concerning Racial Abuse by Patients to NHS Staff.

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

I'm writing to make a Freedom of Information request for the following data from your NHS Trust:

1. **How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2019 – 31.12.2019?**
 - 1.1. **How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?**
 - 1.2. **If action was taken against any of the perpetrators, how many incidents were reported to the police?**
2. **How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2020 – 31.12.2020?**
 - 2.1. **How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?**
 - 2.2. **If action was taken against any of the perpetrators, how many incidents were reported to the police?**
3. **How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2021 – 31.12.2021?**
 - 3.1. **How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?**
 - 3.2. **If action was taken against any of the perpetrators, how many incidents were reported to the police?**
4. **How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2022 – current date?**
 - 4.1. **How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?**
 - 4.2. **If action was taken against any of the perpetrators, how many incidents were reported to the police?**

The below number of reported incidents represents the total number incidents reported on our Datix incident reporting system where a Datix sub category of racial abuse has been identified. This can relate to any incident where racial abuse was a factor but not necessary the only factor.



	Total number of incidents reported that have a sub category of racial abuse identified	Total number of instances where the police were called in relation to racial abuse
2019	60	4
2020	107	9
2021	369	1
2022	242	5

Should you require further clarification, 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](#).

