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Thank you for your request concerning Physical Assault on Staff.

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

- Please can you provide the number of physical assaults against hospital staff by patients and members of the public on the Trusts premises for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

Calendar Year	Assaults against staff by patients and members of the Public
2019	974
2020	1275
2021	1427
2022	1016
2023	1321

- How many of these physical assaults were reported to the police for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

Calendar Year	Reported to the Police
2019	68
2020	62
2021	56
2022	54
2023	86

- If you hold this data, how many had a criminal justice outcome (e.g. cautioned, charged, taken to court) for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

This information is not recorded¹.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

4. **Since 2019 has the Trust introduced any additional measures to try to reduce the number of physical assaults against hospital staff? If so, please specify what measures have been taken e.g. body cameras, CCTV in clinical areas, more security guards etc?**

- CCTV in communal areas not clinical areas.
- New environments
- Making Our Services Safer Strategy
- Policies around reducing restrictive practices
- Training in Reducing and managing restrictive practices - Respect.
- Trauma Informed approaches

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

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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](#).

