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I am responding to your request for information received 28 October 2021, which you clarified on 9 November 2021. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Information Governance Manager

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Request

Question 1. What is the total number of physical assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during 2019?

Answer: 1356 physical assaults against NHS staff by members of the public or patients were reported during 2019.

Question 2. What is the total number of physical assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during 2020?

Answer: 1321 physical assaults against NHS staff by members of the public or patients were reported during 2020.

Question 3. What is the total number of physical assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during 2021?

Answer: 1276 physical assaults against NHS staff by members of the public or patients were reported during 2021.

Question 4. What is the total number of verbal assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during 2019?

Answer: 418 verbal assaults against NHS staff by members of the public or patients were reported during 2019.

Question 5. What is the total number of verbal assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during 2020?

Answer: 457 verbal assaults against NHS staff by members of the public or patients were reported during 2020.

Question 6. What is the total number of verbal assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during 2021?

Answer: 547 verbal assaults against NHS staff by members of the public or patients were reported during 2021.

Question 7. Can you provide any more detail surrounding the nature of these incidents?

Clarification: In term of 'more detail', I was wondering if you could provide a breakdown of the offences - ie punch, kick, bite, sexual motive etc

Answer: Please see table below:

Type of assault	2019	2020	2021
Kick	382	439	420
Punch	420	369	401
Bite	82	78	72

Spit	90	129	123
Sexual	13	8	21

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