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We are responding to your request for information received 18th December 2025. We are sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours.

When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

In order to assist you with your request, we have advised below the timing each question would take to help you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the eighteen hour time limit, please do get in touch.

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

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team



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If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Question 1: How many injuries to staff as a result of physical assaults by patients, visitors and other members of the public were recorded in the following financial years?

- 2024/25
- 2023/24
- 2022/23

Answer: 2024/25- 1115
2023/24- 1919
2022/23- 2568

Question 2: How many injuries to staff as a result of physical assaults by patients were recorded in the following financial years?

- 2024/25
- 2023/24
- 2022/23

Answer: 2024/25- 1111
2023/24- 1164
2022/23- 1303

Question 3: How many incidents of physical assault by patients, visitors and other members of the public against staff that involved weapons were recorded in the following financial years?

- 2024/25
- 2023/24
- 2022/23

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review each incident from each period which were incidents under 'possession of a knife/bladed article' to determine whether harm came to staff. This is estimated to take over 18 hours.

Question 4: How many incidents of physical assault by patients against staff that involved weapons were recorded in the following financial years?

- 2024/25
- 2023/24
- 2022/23

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 5: How many incidents of bullying and harassment by staff against other staff were recorded in the following financial years?

- **2024/25**
- **2023/24**
- **2022/23**

Answer: 2024/25- Bullying – 22, Harassment - 21
2023/24- Bullying – 15, Harassment - 9
2022/23- Bullying – 20, Harassment - 7

Question 6: How many incidents of physical assaults by staff against other staff were recorded in the following financial years?

- **2024/25**
- **2023/24**
- **2022/23**

Answer 2024/25- 0
2023/24- 1
2022/23- 0

Question 7: How many injuries to staff as a result of physical assaults by other staff were recorded in the following financial years?

- **2024/25**
- **2023/24**
- **2022/23**

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 7 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
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The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review each incident involving staff from each period to determine whether or not injuries were sustained. This is estimated to take over 18 hours.



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