

Date: **9 May 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5129**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your request below:

Your Request

I am making a Freedom of Information request for the following information:

Can you specify how many patients under the age of 18 have been treated for knife injuries in your Trust since 2013. Can you give a break down by age and sex.

Over the same period can you tell me how many staff while at work in Trust hospitals have been threatened with a knife or similar sharp object, or attacked by people using knives or similar sharp object.

How many staff or visitors (ie not patients) to Trust hospitals have required treatment following an attack in a hospital.

How many times have police been called to hospitals in the trust area to deal with incidents involving violent behaviour of patients or hospital visitors in each year from 2013 to present?

Our Request for Clarification

Can you confirm that these questions are specifically in relation to attacks/incidents that involved knives/similar sharp objects?

How many staff or visitors (ie not patients) to Trust hospitals have required treatment following an attack in a hospital.

How many times have police been called to hospitals in the trust area to deal with incidents involving violent behaviour of patients or hospital visitors in each year from 2013 to present?

Your Response to Our Request for Information

Thanks for your response. The two questions you point to are not specifically about attacks/incidents involving knife or similar sharp object.

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. Please see our response (in bold) to your following request for information:

*Can you specify how many patients under the age of 18 have been treated for knife injuries in your Trust since 2013 **Nil** Can you give a break down by age and sex **N/A***

*Over the same period can you tell me how many staff while at work in Trust hospitals have been threatened with a knife or similar sharp object, or attacked by people using knives or similar sharp object. **Nil***

How many staff or visitors (ie not patients) to Trust hospitals have required treatment following an attack in a hospital.

2013 - Nil
2014 - Nil
2015 - Nil
2016 - Nil
2017 - One
2018 - Nil
2019 - Nil

How many times have police been called to hospitals in the trust area to deal with incidents involving violent behaviour of patients or hospital visitors in each year from 2013 to present?

2013 - 2
2014 - 2
2015 - 3
2016 - 4
2017 - 9
2018 - 8
2019 - 3

Please note:

The information provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date the request was received by the Trust.

I trust the information provided is sufficient and helps to answer any concerns, questions or issues you may have.

If you should have any further queries related to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Please ensure that the above reference number is quoted on any correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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