

Date: **9 April 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5132**

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 and Our Response (in bold)

Please see our response to your following questions 1) and 2) covering the periods 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 (up to March 2019):

1) *The total number of physical assaults on staff for the following time periods:*

- **2017-2018 - 5**
- **2018-2019 - 8 or up until the most recent month available**

By physical assaults on staff I refer to the definition used in the NHS Protect 2016 Guidance: “the intentional application of force against the person without lawful justification resulting in physical injury or personal discomfort. Spitting is included in the definition of a physical assault.”

2) *If available, please also release the relevant data sets for these time periods.*

The total number of non-physical assaults on staff for the following time periods:

- **2017-2018 - 28**
- **2018-2019 – 28 or up until the most recent month available**

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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