

FoI request re: assaults against staff

Ref: 19-SB-1110

Dear,

Thank you for your request for information relating to the number of assaults against staff over the past five years.

This was received on 13 September 2019 and has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find our responses below:

Request 1:

Please can you tell me how many violent incidents against staff at the trust's A&E departments have been recorded each year over the past five years?

[Number of physical assaults on staff for the whole trust:](#)

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
60	42	66	81	148

[Number of non-physical assaults on staff for the whole trust:](#)

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
289	230	191	192	254

Further information can be found on the following website:

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/crime-prevention/nhs-protect-statistics>

Request 2:

Please include the nature of the violence (e.g. verbal, physical), whether the police were called and what action was taken against the perpetrator.

[Number of times the police were called:](#)

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Physical	Data not available	2	3	4	7
verbal		1	17	4	9
Verbal and physical			0	6	2

Action taken: We do not hold the information in regards to the action taken against the perpetrator as this is kept by the police.

I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

Whittington Health NHS Trust

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If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

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If you are dissatisfied with this response, Whittington Health operates a complaints procedure, details of which can be found below:

FOI Complaints:

In the first instance, write to:

Director Lead for Information Governance

Chief Operating Officer
Jenner Building
Magdala Avenue
London
N19 5NF
020 7288 5255
foi.whitthealth@nhs.net

If you remain dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745
www.ico.org.uk

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