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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Assaults against staff whilst working.

You asked:

How many incidents of members of staff at The Trust being assaulted/ attacked by patients/service users/ other members of the public, whilst working, have occurred in the past three years? Please provide a breakdown for 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

Trust response:

Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link/s: <http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/NHS-Staff-assaults.-300519.pdf>

Further details regarding whether or not the staff member was working at the time of the assault or attack would only be detailed within the free text of each report and would therefore require the manual search of each report. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.