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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 and Hate Crime.

You asked:

- 1. The name of your NHS trust*
- 2. The total number of physical assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during the following financial year:*
 - a. April 2020 - March 2021*
 - b. April 2019 - March 2020*
- 3. The total number of verbal assaults (including hate crime and all other verbal attacks) against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during the following financial year:*
 - a. April 2020 - March 2021*
 - b. April 2019 - March 2020*
- 4. How many reports of hate crime against NHS staff from members of the public and patients occurred during the following financial year:*
 - a. April 2020 - March 2021*
 - b. April 2019 - March 2020*

Trust response:

1. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
2. Physical Assaults
 - a. April 2020 - March 2021
137
 - b. April 2019 - March 2020
176
3. Verbal Assaults
 - a. April 2020 - March 2021
112

b. April 2019 - March 2020

121

4.

We do not directly have a specific hate crime category and incidents could be subjective dependant on the description and therefore we would need to perform a qualitative check to clarify exact numbers. 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.