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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 NHS staff.

You asked:

- 1. The total number of physical assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during 2019, 2020 and 2021.*
- 2. The total number of verbal assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during 2019, 2020 and 2021.*
- 3. Can you provide any more detail surrounding the nature of these incidents?*

Trust response:

1 & 2. Due to the nature of the search set up we are unable to break down the information into sub categories. The figures quoted below are the totals for assaults and verbal abuse combined.

01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019 450

01 Jan 2020 to 31 Dec 2020 482

01 Jan 2021 to 07 Nov 2021 550

3. In order to respond to this question can you please provide an idea of the type of information being requested.