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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 on Staff.

You asked:

- 1. How many assaults were committed against the following staff by either patients or persons in the hospital who are not patients.
- a. Doctors, Consultants and trainee doctors
- b. Nurses of all grades including health Care assistants
- c. All Clinical Staff
- d. All Medical Staff
- 2. How many the assaults were reported to the police
- 3. How many of the assaults which reported to the police had a criminal justice outcome, a criminal justice outcome is defined as charge, caution, conviction, acquittal

Please can you provide the data separately for each year of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 1st Jan 2021 until 1st December 2021.

Trust response:

1.

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan	41	33	43	23
Feb	33	36	55	40
Mar	46	38	35	44
Apr	27	44	27	38
May	100	32	30	51
Jun	40	40	36	59
Jul	43	30	48	52

Aug	31	35	44	59
Sep	44	46	45	66
Oct	41	32	46	100
Nov	34	34	38	38
Dec	30	36	33	50

In order to provide the breakdown requested would require the manual reading of every entry. 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.

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