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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 abuse incidents against staff working in the Emergency Department and current clinicians in the General Surgical department.

You asked:

A. Number of abuse incidents against staff working in the Emergency Department from January 2017- March 2022 broken down by month:

- 1. Assaults resulting in injury*
- 2. Assaults resulting in non-injury*
- 3. Verbal abuse*
- 4. Sexual harassment/abuse*
- 5. Other abuse not characterised as above*

B. Number of current clinicians in the General Surgical department:

- 1. General Surgical Consultants employed by the trust*
- 2. General Surgical Consultant vacancies*
- 3. Post CCT fellows*
- 4. Post CCT fellow vacancies*
- 5. Training post speciality registrars (ST3-ST8)*
- 6. Non-training post registrars (ST3 – ST8 level equivalence)*
- 7. Registrar level (ST3-ST8) vacancies*
- 8. Core Surgical trainees*
- 9. SHOs in a national training post excluding core surgical trainees (e.g. GPST, Foundation Year 2 doctors)*
- 10. SHOs not in a training post*
- 11. SHO level vacancies*
- 12. Foundation Year 1 doctors in a national training programme*
- 13. Foundation Year 1 equivalent doctors not in a national training programme.*

14. Foundation year 1 level vacancies

15. Any additional qualified doctors not listed as above employed by the general surgical department and their job title

Trust response:

A.1-5. Please note: The trust does not log specific staff injuries as a result of assaults, but if the staff member has been physically assaulted and it has been logged, minor or major injuries are likely.

Due to the small numbers when split by month and in order to prevent the possible identification of the staff member the Trust has given yearly figures in response to these questions.

Abuse against staff members In the ED	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 - to June
Assaults resulting in injury	18	16	13	32	20	15
Assaults resulting in non-injury	0	0	0	0	0	0
Verbal abuse	11	30	31	37	58	41
Sexual harassment/abuse	1	1	1	0	3	1
Other abuse not characterised as above	0	0	0	0	0	0

B. please note: We do not have the data in a granular enough form to answer all of the questions. All values are in headcount (apart from the consultant vacancies) for the Surgery division as of 31/03/2022

	Number	Notes
General Surgical Consultants employed by the trust	114	consultants in the Surgery Division 31/3/2022
General Surgical Consultant vacancies	14.5	Full time equivalent vacancies of consultants in the Surgery division
Post CCT fellows		Unable to provide
Post CCT fellow vacancies		Unable to provide
Training post speciality registrars (ST3-ST8)	45	45 in total ST3-ST8 in Surgery
Non-training post registrars (ST3 – ST8 level equivalence)	45	45 in total ST3-ST8 in Surgery
Registrar level (ST3-ST8) vacancies		Unable to provide
Core Surgical trainees	36	36 FY1s and FY2s in Surgery
SHOs in a national training post excluding core surgical trainees (e.g. GPST, Foundation Year 2 doctors)	36	36 FY1s and FY2s in Surgery
SHOs not in a training post	36	36 FY1s and FY2s in Surgery
SHO level vacancies		Unable to provide
Foundation Year 1 doctors in a national training programme		Unable to provide
Foundation Year 1 equivalent doctors not in a national training programme.		Unable to provide
Foundation year 1 level vacancies		Unable to provide

Any additional qualified doctors not listed as above employed by the general surgical department and their job title	91	Associate Specialist, Specialist Grade, Specialty Registrar CT1-3, Specialty Registrar ST1-2, Trust Grade ST1-2, Staff Grade Practitioner
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