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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 Racist abuse towards NHS staff.

You asked:

1. How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2019 – 31.12.2019?

1.1. How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?

1.2. If action was taken against any of the perpetrators, how many incidents were reported to the police?

2. How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2020 – 31.12.2020?

2.1. How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?

2.2 If action was taken against any of the perpetrators, how many incidents were reported to the police?

3. How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2021 – 31.12.2021?

3.1. How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?

3.2. If action was taken against any of the perpetrators, how many incidents were reported to the police?

4. How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2022 – current date?

4.1. How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?

4.2. If action was taken against any of the perpetrators, how many incidents were reported to the police?

## Trust response:

1. 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 <u>WWW.MTW.NHS.UK</u> Please enter Racist or discriminatory behaviour towards staff into the search box and the response will be shown. Alternatively, please use the following link: <u>https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Racist-or-discriminatory-behaviour-towards-staff.-160320.pdf</u>

2. 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 <u>WWW.MTW.NHS.UK</u> Please enter incident of racist/xenophobic behaviour from patients towards staff in 2020 into the search box and the response will be shown. Alternatively, please use the following link: <u>https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Racist-or-xenophobic-</u>

behaviour-from-patients-towards-staff-in-2020.-240321.pdf

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xenophobic-behaviour-from-patients-towards-staff-in-2021.050522.pdf

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