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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 physical assaults on staff.

You asked:

- 1. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)*
- 2. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded that involved medical factors in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)*
- 3. The total number of times physical injury to staff was recorded following physical assaults in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31). If possible, please break down the number of injuries reported by severe/major, moderate, and low/minor.*
- 4. The total number of times restraint was used on a service user/patient following a physical assault on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).*
- 5. The total number of times was seclusion used on a service user/patient following a physical assault on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).*
- 6. Total number of criminal sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).*
- 7. Total number of civil and administrative sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).*
- 8. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as charge in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)*
- 9. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as verbal warning in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)*

10. *The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as no action in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)*

11. *The total number of times it was recorded that the victim did not want police to pursue the matter in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)*

Trust response:

1.

2021-2022 – 231

2022-2023 – 263

2.

2021-2022 – 47

2022-2023 – 5

3.

2021-2022 – Low – 92, Moderate – 13, severe 1

2022-2023 – Low – 80, Moderate – 7, severe 2

4.

2021-2022 – 19

2022-2023 – 339 (Note: this is due to reporting system being set up to record restraint)

5.

2021-2022 – 0 (Note: as an acute Trust we do not do seclusion)

2022-2023 – 0

6. The Trust is unable to answer this question. Once the Police become involved they would deal directly with the victim. Regardless that they are members of staff, it becomes a Police matter; as it is victim based.

7.

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