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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 nursing staff.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
Under the FOI Act I would like to request the amount of times nurses working for the trust were a) assaulted and b) sexually assaulted in each of the last three years (2021, 2022 and 2023).*

Trust response:

Please see the figures in the table below. These are based on the following criteria:

- **Reported on** 1/1/21-31/1/23
- **Incident type** - Staff Incidents
- **Category** - Abusive/disruptive/Self harming/Violent behaviour
- **Sub Category** - Abuse Patients to Staff and Abuse Staff to Staff
- **Detail** - Security - assault with a weapon, physical assault and sexual abuse

Detail	2021	2022	2023	Total
Security - assault with a weapon	5	11	1	17
Security - physical assault	155	157	22	334
Security - sexual abuse	5	10	4	19
Total	165	178	27	370

We are only able to provide the numbers of incidents raised relating to staff assaults and sexual abuse. We are unable to break this down further to job role as this is not currently being captured.