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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 21/06/2021.

• The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21 (financial years from April to March)

Year	Number of assaults recorded
2018/19	9 – please note the current reporting/recording function was not available in 2018/19
2019/20	248
2020/21	190

• The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded that involved medical factors in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21

This is very specific, and victims do not always record this level of detail. The Trust does not hold this information in an easily retrievable/recorded format. To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section n12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

• The total number of times physical injury to staff was caused in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
All physical assaults are reported whatever the injury.

• The total number of times restraint was used following a physical assault on staff in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21

The Trust does not hold this information in an easily retrievable/recorded format. To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of

Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section n12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

• The total number of times was seclusion used following a physical assault on staff in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21

None.

• Total number of criminal sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21

Please see below table:

2018/19	2
2019/20	7
2020/21	5

These are the figures the ASMS (Accredited Security Management Specialist) is aware of. Not all criminal sanctions are reported to the ASMS.

• Total number of civil and administrative sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21

Please see table below:

2018/19	15
2019/20	21
2020/21	18

This is not recorded on the Trust's Datix system, however the numbers shown above are approximate for all civil and administrative sanctions that the ASMS is aware of.

• The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as charge in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21

The Trust are unable to answer this question, please contact Hampshire Constabulary for this information.

• The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as verbal warning in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21

The Trust are unable to answer this question, please contact Hampshire Constabulary for this information.

• The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as no action in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21

The Trust are unable to answer this question, please contact Hampshire Constabulary for this information.

• 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 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21

The Trust are unable to answer this question. The recording system allows for the victim to record if they support the Trust or the police in taking further action. This is not a mandatory field.

• Total number of staff reported by the trust at March 31, 2019, March 31, 2020 and at March 31, 2021.

Please see table below.

Month	Headcount
31/03/2019	7501
31/03/2020	7844
31/03/2021	8269

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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