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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 02/12/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

Please can you provide the data separately for each year for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 1st Jan 2021 until 1st December 2021.

1. How many assaults were committed against the following staff by either patients or persons in the hospital who are not patients.

Doctors, Consultants and trainee doctors

Nurses of all grades including health Care assistants

All Clinical Staff

All Medical Staff

The Trust is unable to break the data down into the above categories as we do not record this level of information. Therefore, to extract this information, we would have to search through a significant number 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 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

2. How many the assaults were reported to the police?

This information is not held by the Trust. Please see link below to Hampshire Constabulary's Freedom of Information team who will hold accurate figures.

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/foi-ai/af/accessing-information/>

3. How many of the assaults which reported to the police had a criminal justice outcome, a criminal justice outcome is defined as charge, caution, conviction, acquittal.

Please see answer in question 2.

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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