

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-628

7 December 2021

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we hold some the information you are requesting

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

Our system does not break this information down by staff member, many of these are also reported anonymously. We have however provided the number of individual entries submitted to Datix reporting system of assault incidents against staff by patients or persons in the hospital who are not patients.

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Physical Assault By Patient To Staff	348	305	487	294

How many the assaults were reported to the police

We do not hold this information

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

We do not hold this information

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

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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