

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-443

6 September 2022

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 do hold the information you are requesting
- **Number of abuse incidents against staff working in the Emergency Department from January 2017- March 2022 broken down by month:**
 1. Assaults resulting in injury
 2. Assaults resulting in non-injury
 3. Verbal abuse
 4. Sexual harassment/abuse
 5. Other abuse not characterised as above

Please see the table below – this is how our system records these categories of incidents.

Date	Abuse of staff by other	Physical assault by patient to staff	Racial Abuse by Patient to Staff	Racial Abuse to Staff by Other	Threatened with weapon	Verbal Abuse by Patient to Staff
2017						
January	*	*	0	0	0	*
February	*	*	0	0	0	10
March	*	*	0	0	0	*
April	*	6	0	0	0	*
May	*	10	0	0	0	8
June	*	*	*	0	0	13
July	*	*	0	0	0	*
August	*	*	*	0	0	*
September	0	*	*	0	0	11
October	*	6	*	0	0	*
November	0	*	0	0	0	9
December	6	9	0	0	*	21
2018						
January	*	*	*	0	0	13

February	*	*	*	0	*	11
March	*	*	*	0	0	9
April	*	6	0	0	*	10
May	*	*	0	0	0	8
June	0	*	*	0	*	14
July	*	*	*	0	0	20
August	*	*	*	0	0	16
September	0	0	0	0	0	8
October	*	*	0	0	0	14
November	*	*	0	0	*	12
December	*	*	*	0	*	14
2019						
January	*	*	0	0	0	14
February	*	*	0	0	0	*
March	*	*	*	0	0	13
April	0	*	*	0	*	10
May	*	*	0	0	0	18
June	*	*	0	0	0	18
July	*	*	*	0	0	25
August	*	*	0	0	0	20
September	*	*	0	0	*	12
October	*	7	0	0	0	11
November	0	*	*	*	*	12
December	*	7	0	0	0	11
2020						
January	*	*	0	0	0	19
February	*	*	0	0	*	16
March	*	*	0	*	0	16
April	*	*	0	0	0	9
May	*	7	0	0	*	23
June	0	7	0	0	0	18
July	*	10	0	0	0	46
August	*	8	0	0	0	28
September	*	*	*	*	0	20
October	*	*	0	0	*	25
November	*	*	*	0	0	28
December	0	9	*	0	0	21
2021						
January	*	15	*	0	0	25
February	*	9	0	0	0	23
March	*	*	*	0	*	20
April	*	*	0	0	0	28
May	*	*	0	0	0	33
June	*	6	*	0	0	23
July	*	*	0	0	0	24
August	*	8	*	0	0	27
September	*	*	*	0	0	13
October	*	*	*	*	*	30
November	8	*	*	0	*	26
December	*	6	0	0	0	15

2022						
January	*	6	*	0	0	17
February	8	*	*	*	0	20
March	*	7	*	0	*	20

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by *. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

• Number of current clinicians in the General Surgical department:

- 1. General Surgical Consultants employed by the trust 20**
- 2. General Surgical Consultant vacancies 0**
- 3. Post CCT fellows 5**
- 4. Post CCT fellow vacancies 0**
- 5. Training post speciality registrars (ST3-ST8) 7**
- 6. Non training post registrars (ST3 – ST8 level equivalence) 0**
- 7. Registrar level (ST3-ST8) vacancies 0**
- 8. Core Surgical trainees 6**
- 9. SHOs in a national training post excluding core surgical trainees (e.g. GPST, Foundation Year 2 doctors) 3**
- 10. SHOs not in a training post 0**
- 11. SHO level vacancies 0**
- 12. Foundation Year 1 doctors in a national training programme 15**
- 13. Foundation Year 1 equivalent doctors not in a national training programme. 0**
- 14. Foundation year 1 level vacancies 0**
- 15. Any additional qualified doctors not listed as above employed by the general surgical department and their job title**
One supernumerary endoscopy fellow.

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:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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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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