

## FOI 0211/2021 Response

### 1. The total number of physical assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Please see table below and note the following:

- The data provided is in relation to physical assault related incidents from 2019 to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- The Trust is unable to report on the type of physical assaults but can include whether a weapon or sharp was involved in the incident.
- The recording of a weapon or sharp does not necessarily mean it was used in the physical assault incident.

Year	Incidents involving physical assaults	Incidents of physical assault involving a Weapon or sharp
2019	1644	65
2020	1573	60
2021	1298	32

### 2. The total number of verbal assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Please see table below and note the following:

- The data provided is in relation to verbal abuse related incidents from 2019 to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- The Trust is unable to report whether there was a sexual element to the verbal assaults but can include whether the verbal abuse incident involved racial discrimination.

Year	Incidents involving verbal abuse	Incident of verbal abuse involving racial discrimination
2019	315	85
2020	531	90
2021	576	105

**3. Can you provide any more detail surrounding the nature of these incidents?**

**\* Clarification has been sought from the Requester to confirm what they mean by “more details”.**

**The Requester has confirmed that In terms of further detail they would like a breakdown of the type of incidents e.g.: for the physical assaults, were they a kick, punch, bite, slap etc; were they with a weapon; was there a racial or sexual element to the verbal assaults?**

Please see tables in Q1 and Q2.

Please note that the Trust is unable to provide any further details of the incidents.

This is because the requested information is not held in the format requested and will therefore require a manual search which exceeds the threshold of carrying out this task.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.