

FOI420 Response

Request

1. The name of your NHS trust

2. The total number of physical assaults against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during the following financial year:

a. April 2020 - March 2021

b. April 2019 - March 2020

3. The total number of verbal assaults (including hate crime and all other verbal attacks) against NHS staff from members of the public and patients that occurred during the following financial year:

a. April 2020 - March 2021

b. April 2019 - March 2020

4. How many reports of hate crime against NHS staff from members of the public and patients occurred during the following financial year:

a. April 2020 - March 2021

b. April 2019 - March 2020

Response

Background Information:

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provides a comprehensive mental healthcare service for residents of Birmingham and Solihull, and a range of specialist mental health services to communities across the West Midlands and beyond.

Please refer to table 1 & 2 below, and note the following:

- The data provided in table 1 & 2 has been sourced from the Trust's incident reporting system for the financial year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.
- Data provided in table 1 is in relation to question 2 & 3.

Table 1 includes all physical/verbal assaults on staff members by patients and 3rd parties (A 3rd party is someone who is involved in the incident but is not a patient or member of staff, e.g. visitor, family)

- Table 1 also includes sexual assaults on staff members by patients and 3rd parties, as this can be categorised as a physical assault.
- The Trust cannot provide segregated data for hate crimes, this is because we do not report hate crime separately to physical/verbal assault.
- In response to question 4 we have included all 9 protected characteristics that were listed as being a factor of the physical, sexual & verbal assault. Note that multiple protected characteristics can be listed for a single incident.

Table 1:

Response to Question 2 & 3	2019-20	2020-21
Physical	1308	1241
Verbal	310	445
Total	1618	1686

Table 2:

Response to Question 4	2019-20	2020-21
Age discrimination	16	15
Belief or religious discrimination	27	30
Disability discrimination	9	8
Gender reassignment	6	9
Marriage and civil partnership discrimination	5	3
Pregnancy and maternity discrimination	5	5
Race discrimination	161	133
Sex or gender discrimination	32	28
Sexual orientation discrimination	23	24
None reported	1413	1501
Total	1697	1756