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Subject: Physically attacked while or after doing their job during the Coronavirus pandemic

REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you.

- 1) the number of staff working at the {Public Authority}} who have been physically attacked while or after doing their job during the Coronavirus pandemic. This should be from the 1 April to the date of your reply. If possible, this dataset should also disclose the job of the person in question who was attacked. If any more information which you feel is relevant to the attack is available, it would be great if that could be disclosed in the dataset as well.
- 2) The amount of hand sanitiser which has been stolen from your authority in the same time period. Again, this should be divided into the month when these thefts were recorded.

RESPONSE

- 1) There have been 57 reported violent incidents (including verbal abuse) against Trust staff since 1st April 2020.

No of Incidents	Staff Group
19	Nurses
13	Health Care Assistants
<5	Security
<5	Student Nurses
<5	Doctors
13	Support staff
<5	Other

- 2) zero

Exemption

In relation to Question 1, we are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018.

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.