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REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. How many incidents have occurred on hospital premises from, 01.01.2020 and was record by the Trust in some way where a patient has been assaulted by a 3rd party (not somebody who was working for the Trust)

There were a total number of 62 incidents recorded from 01.01.2020 to 29.09.2021 where a patient has been assaulted by a 3rd party (not somebody who was working for the Trust)

2. How many of the incidents were the assailant/assailants said to be armed with a weapon of any description. Please list the weapons that you have recorded.

*<5

3. How many of these incidents did the patient receive stab wounds?

*<5

Please note *<5 : 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 & 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.