

Ref. No: 575
From: Public
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Subject: Physical assaults

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

1 - Type of abuse/Assault on Staff	2021	2022
Assault etc with a weapon	11	11
Physical abuse, assault, or violence	251	216
Total	262	227

2. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded that involved medical factors in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

2 - Were there clinical factors involved	2021	2022
No	87	62
Yes	149	164

3. The total number of times physical injury to staff was recorded following physical assaults in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31). If possible, please break down the number of injuries reported by severe / major, moderate, and low / minor.

3 - Severity of harm	2021	2022
None (No harm caused - impact prevented)	115	111
Low (Minimal harm - required extra observation or minor treatment)	140	103
Moderate (Short term harm - required further treatment, or procedure)	<5	<5

Please note <5 has been added where the number of patients is 5 or less, this information has been redacted to protect patient confidentiality and to ensure that patients cannot be identified.

4. The total number of times restraint was used on a service user / patient following a physical assault on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

4 - Was restraint used	2021	2022
No	206	190
Yes	29	35

5. The total number of times seclusion used on a service user / patient following a physical assault on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

The Trust does not record this information.

6. Total number of criminal sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

6 - Police actions (can be more than 1 action per incident)	2021	2022
Arrest	<5	<5
None	9	7
Other	<5	<5
Restraint	7	<5
Support to Trust Security Team	<5	<5
Verbal Warning	<5	<5

7. Total number of civil and administrative sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

7 - Administrative sanctions	2021	2022
Verbal Warning	15	31
Written Warning	<5	<5
Yellow Card	<5	<5
Red Card	<5	<5

8. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as charge in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

8 - NOT RECORDED - question below is "Did Police attend?"	2021	2022
No	<5	<5
Yes	19	13

9. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as verbal warning in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

9 - Police Action	2021	2022
Verbal Warning	<5	<5

10. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as no action in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

10 - Police Action	2021	2022
No Action	9	7

11. The total number of times it was recorded that the victim did not want police to pursue the matter in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

The Trust does not record this information.

Please see the notes section for background information on the requested information. Please let me know if you have any queries or need further clarification.

Notes:

- Assaults involving medical factors - the number of physical assaults where the perpetrator did not know what they were doing or did not know what they were doing was wrong due to medical illness, mental ill health, severe learning disability or treatment administered, if noted.
- Restraint used - If in the course of a physical assault incident, the service user/patient had to be restrained - see: <http://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?allId=4203>
- Seclusion used - If in the course of a physical assault incident, seclusion was used for the service user/patient - see: <http://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?allId=42033>
- Reported Criminal Sanctions include but are not limited to: Cautions & Conditional Cautions, Community Rehabilitation or Punishment Orders, Conditional Discharges, Fines, Fixed Penalty Notices, Imprisonment (including suspended sentences) and Restorative Justice - as per <https://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/Governance/disclosure-log/Health%20and%20Safety/FOI%20-%2014405%20Reported%20Physical%20Assaults%202015-16.pdf>

- Reported Civil and Administrative Sanctions include but are not limited to: Acceptable Behaviour Agreements, Banning from Premises, Harassment Warning Issued, Injunction, Use of CJIA Powers, Violent Patient Scheme/History Marking Procedure and Warning Letters - as per <https://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/Governance/disclosure-log/Health%20and%20Safety/FOI%20-%2014405%20Reported%20Physical%20Assaults%202015-16.pdf>
- Suppression of small numbers - Previous ICO decision notices where a complaint was upheld in relation to Section 40: [Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#) and [Barts Health NHS Trust](#)