

**Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000 – our ref: FOI 19/20\_329**

I write in response to your request under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

I confirm that the Trust holds the information you requested. Please see the replies, set out against your questions.

*Please can you tell me how many violent incidents against staff at the trust's A&E departments have been recorded each year over the past five years.*

**756 incidents reported over 5 years.**

	<b>AGGRESSIVE</b>	<b>PHYSICAL</b>	<b>VERBAL</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>2015</b>	45	20	29	<b>94</b>
<b>2016</b>	72	31	22	<b>125</b>
<b>2017</b>	65	35	26	<b>126</b>
<b>2018</b>	76	21	72	<b>169</b>
<b>2019</b>	135	31	76	<b>242</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>756</b>

*Please include the nature of the violence (e.g. verbal, physical), whether the police were called and what action was taken against the perpetrator.*

**The required information would be recorded in the individual patient's notes. To extract this information, would require a manual review of each medical record; this would not be feasible as the time required to carry out this task would exceed the 18 hours allowed for a FOI request.**