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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240312.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:

- 1. Please can you provide the number of physical assaults against ambulance staff by patients and members of the public for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

Please see below.

- 2. How many of these physical assaults were reported to the police for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

Please see below.

- 3. If you hold this data, how many had a criminal justice outcome (e.g. cautioned, charged, taken to court) for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Incidents	235	233	231	219	253
Police attended	139	149	144	135	146
Criminal Sanctions	Less than 10	Less than 10	Less than 10	11	Less than 10

Sanctions are those recorded when the Trust has been informed of the outcome of any investigation by police or the individual concerned.

4. Since 2019 has the ambulance trust introduced any additional measures to try to reduce the number of physical assaults against hospital staff? If so, please specify what measures have been taken e.g. body cameras.

- Introduction of Body Worn Cameras
- Introduction of Conflict Resolution Training
- Recruitment of two Violence Reduction Security Officers
- Introduction of a Violence Reduction Working Group.
- Partnership working with relevant policing partners

Less than 10, we are unable to provide exact figures as these could be identifiable to individuals.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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