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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/07/02.

You requested the following information:

Can you tell me how many incidents of staff being physically attacked or assaulted in Sussex were recorded between April 1 2014 and March 31 2015?

Our Trust views assaults against its staff very seriously. Our Local Security Management Specialists actively promote awareness of our zero-tolerance stance with regard to assaults on staff and encourage staff to report incidents.

The Trust also ensures that our operational staff are provided with conflict resolution training to minimise the risks of assaults.

There were 61 incidents of staff being physically attacked or assaulted in the Sussex area reported between 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2015. However I must advise you that these figures still need to be audited and have been forwarded to NHS Protect as part of our return for the year, therefore there may a slight change in the number when the figures are officially published in November 2015.

Can you tell me how many incidents of staff being verbally attacked or assaulted in Sussex were recorded between April 1 2014 and March 31 2015?

There were 46 incidents of staff being verbally attacked or assaulted in the Sussex area reported between 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2015. However I must advise you that these figures still need to be audited and have been forwarded to NHS Protect as part of our return for the year, therefore there may a slight change in the number when the figures are officially published in November 2015.

Can you give me some examples of the types of injuries reported?

The type of injuries reported in the physical assaults are as follows:

Bruises
Sprains
Abrasions
Lacerations

Also, how many of these resulted in criminal action being taken?

Of the 61 physical assaults reported, 1 resulted in criminal action being taken.

No criminal action has been taken in connection with any of the verbal assaults.

I hope you find this information helpful.

If, for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response, you are entitled to pursue any dissatisfaction through South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust's (SECamb) Internal Review Procedure at:

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
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Email: complaints@secamb.nhs.uk

Should you remain unhappy with the outcome of any such internal review , you may request a decision from the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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