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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/08/10.

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

**How many physical assaults towards paramedics and other medical staff have been recorded in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-to-date?**

**Where possible, but not essential, could you please break down by local area or by county, where the assaults were recorded?**

2015-16 – 207 victims of physical assault

2016-17 – 234 victims of physical assault

Unfortunately, I cannot break this down by area as our data is not recorded in this way. I am also unable to provide data for this year at this time as the data will not have been collated and audited as yet.

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

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

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, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator

