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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/01/19.

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

**1. Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me with information on the total number of assaults recorded against staff employed by your Trust in 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, and 2017/18 to date; and can this information be listed separately for each of those years.**

Reports for the last 5 years can be found on the following link:

<http://www.nahs.org.uk/index.php/nhs-documents/nhs-violence-statistics>

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 there were 163 victims of physical assault

*Please note that physical assaults also include incidents of spitting*

**2. Please could you also list the number of (a) declared criminal sanctions, and (b) declared civil and administrative sanctions that were applied in response to acts of violence committed against your Trust's staff in each of those years.**

Reports for the last 5 years can be found on the following link:

<http://www.nahs.org.uk/index.php/nhs-documents/nhs-violence-statistics>

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 there were 60 sanctions (51 civil & 9 criminal)

**3. If the information is readily held, I would be grateful if the Trust could also list the number of non-fatal injuries caused by an act of violence that were reported to the Health and Safety Executive under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) in each of those years.**

Please see table below which shows the number of incidents classed as physical assaults which resulted in a member of staff being absent and unable to perform their duties for over 7 days. Unfortunately, we do not hold any information prior to April 2015.

Financial Year	Total
2015/16	4
2016/17	0
2017/18	5

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

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