



Date 18th December 2019

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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/11/42.

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

How many SECAMB staff have been assaulted in the financial years 2016/2017/2018 and to date in 2019.

Please see table below. Please note the data for 2019-20 is not available at this time. It will be available after the financial year finishes and subsequent annual audit is complete.

Financial Year	Total Victims
2016/17	234
2017/18	220
2018/19	224

How many prosecutions were undertaken?

Please see table below:

Financial Year	Criminal	Civil
2016/17	24	80
2017/18	31	92
2018/19	30	74

What were the outcomes for any that went in to court?

To extract this information would mean going through each individual record and exceed 18hours and would therefore fall under Section 12- FOI (Appropriate limit and fees) Regulations 2004

How many hours were lost for staff being vacant from the workplace due to violence and aggression?

We do not have an absence reason for this so unfortunately we cannot report on this

What was the nature of the assault, physical sexual verbal or other?

The data above is all for physical assaults, all other types of aggression incidents are recorded separately but are not as detailed to be able to break down at this time. Physical assaults are broken down to general or sexually / religiously / racially / homophobically / Transsexually aggravated.

We are only able to break this down from 2017-18 onwards as this is when the system updates were made.

Please see below showing breakdown by number of victims:

Financial Year	2017/18	2018/19
General Assault	199	214
Sexual Assault	20	10
Racially / Religiously Aggravated	1	0

Our Trust views violence and aggression against its staff very seriously. Our Trust lead on Security actively encourages staff to report incidents and supports those who wish to pursue a prosecution to seek redress against those who commit such acts.

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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