

FOI 1752

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Q1. Total figure on how many medical staff have been assaulted in the process of carrying out their duties from patients/offenders in the Southern Trust Hospitals from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

There were less than 5 members of medical staff involved as described.

Q2. Types of injuries the medical staff suffered by the perpetrators as per Q 1.

No members of staff suffered any injuries.

Q3. And the method these injuries were inflicted on the medical staff by the perpetrators as per Q1.

Less than 5 medical staff

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

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