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Information Governance Department

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Date: 2nd February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

How many reports of staff being abused by patients there were across your trust in the years 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018, broken down by year.

Please include figures for both verbal and physical abuse, if possible, broken down into the two categories.

Physical Assault

- 2018 = 25
- 2019 = 33
- 2020 = 23
- 2021 = 33
- 2022 = 30

Verbal Assault

- 2018 = 58
- 2019 = 63
- 2020 = 41
- 2021 = 53
- 2022 = 64

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Rabina Tindale Chief Nurse & DIPC

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111