

24th April 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request concerning verbal and physical abuse to hospital staff.

The Trust can provide the following information:

	Verbal abuse / disruption (by a patient or visitor)	Threat of physical harm (by a patient or visitor)	Sexual Harassment / Assault / Abuse	Racial abuse (by a patient or visitor)	Physical abuse / assault / violence (by a patient or visitor)	Total
2012	68	22	3	5	63	161
2013	92	31	4	5	64	196
2014	89	38	6	6	91	230
Totals:	249	91	13	16	218	587

We are unable to break down this information by gender or give you the specifics for each individual incident.

Likewise with regard to how much time staff have taken off, if any, following the incident.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk, in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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