

**FOI0230 2024 Response**

**\*\*\*\*Clarification : I would breakdown attacks into physical and verbal acts of violence, aggression and harassment. specific categories that are used for acts of violence.**

**If a patient used racist language towards a member of staff and the staff member reported it, I would class this as a verbal attack of a racial nature (breakdown of extra information on attacks asked for in Q3.) I would class sexual assault as an attack. I would class throwing an object at a staff member as an attack. In all cases I would anticipate the incidents having had to reach a threshold for which the staff member felt they were reportable.**

**1. How much money was spent by your trust on private security for the protection of staff in the following years?**

**2018**

**2019**

**2020**

**2021**

**2022**

**2023**

Please see the table below and note the following:

- The contracted security staff are provided under the existing PFI contract arrangements.
- The specific role of the contracted security is to provide a visible deterrent and prevent criminal and anti-social behaviours within our buildings and grounds. They are not trained nor expected to intervene, or lead in clinical incidents where service users are being verbally or physically abusive. This is the responsibility of our appropriately trained clinical staff. In the event security were present, and there was an immediate risk of significant harm or threat to life, then any intervention would be under common law. However, their primary function is to summon the assistance of the police, whilst providing additional support by keeping such areas clear to allow clinical staff to respond.
- The data has been provided in financial years as this is the means in which the Trust readily records financial information (from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March).

<b>Expense Code Description</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
<b>Contract : Premises Security</b>	86,726	181,184	174,028	77,360	139,119	210,054
<b>PFI - Contract: Prem Security</b>	901,863	972,078	991,718	1,067,162	1,089,103	1,158,708
<b>Grand Total</b>	988,588	1,153,262	1,165,746	1,144,522	1,228,222	1,368,762

**2. How many attacks were recorded on members hospital/ambulance staff by non-hospital staff in the same years?**

**2018**

**2019**

**2020**

**2021**

**2022**

**2023**

Please see table below and note the following:

- The data includes the number of assaults on staff (by patients/3rd parties) recorded on the Trust Incident Reporting System between 2018 and 2023, split by year and sub-category.
- The Trust only added a category for sexual harassment from 2022, this is the reason no incidents are categorised as sexual harassment prior to this date.

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Aggression / Threats / Intimidation	1049	1199	1251	1391	1453	1568
Assault (Physical)	1074	1290	1222	1053	1248	1397
Assault (Sexual)	45	29	39	84	48	42
Sexual Harassment					32	116
Verbal Abuse	240	266	436	515	530	581
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2408</b>	<b>2784</b>	<b>2948</b>	<b>3043</b>	<b>3311</b>	<b>3704</b>

**3. If recorded, what was the nature of these incidents (verbal/physical/racial etc)?**

**2018**

**2019**

**2020**

**2021**

**2022**

**2023**

Please refer to the response provided in question 2.