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Subject: Physical Assaults 2019-23

Q1 Please can you provide the number of physical assaults against hospital staff by patients and members of the public on the Trusts premises for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?

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Year	Number of incidents
2019	40
2020	33
2021	26
2022	24
2023	31

Q2 How many of these physical assaults were reported to the police for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?

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Year	Number of incident where police were called
2019	0
2020	0
2021	1
2022	0
2023	0

Q3 If you hold this data, how many had a criminal justice outcome (e.g., cautioned, charged, taken to court) for the following five years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?

A3 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its or performance data. This matter was managed between the police and the individual.

Q4 Since 2019 has the Trust introduced any additional measures to try to reduce the number of physical assaults against hospital staff? If so, please specify what measures have been taken e.g., body cameras, CCTV in clinical areas, more security guards etc?

A4 The Security Team has received substantial support in protecting our staff. This includes additional staffing, additional training, comprehensive CCTV system and working closely with clinical staff.

We do not use body cameras and we do not have cameras in clinical areas. This will remain under review.

