

**Freedom of Information Request 19 086**

**Our Reference:** FOI 19 086 / AA / PB  
**Name:**  
**Date:** 9 April 2019  
**Address:**

Dear

Further to your Freedom of Information Request, please find the Trust's response below:

1. If your trust runs one or more A&E departments, could you please provide the total number of physical assaults on staff for each of the following time periods: 2018-2019 (or up until the most recent month), 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016 and 2014-2015. Please release any readily available data-sets for these time periods.

Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust is a mental health trust providing inpatient and community services. We do not provide A&E services.

2. If your trust runs one or more A&E departments, could you please provide the total number of non-physical assaults on staff for each of the following time periods: 2018-2019 (or up until the most recent month), 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016 and 2014-2015. Please release any readily available data-sets.

[See response to question 1.](#)

3. If available, please provide a breakdown of the data for your whole trust, for the total number of physical assaults on staff by their profession (see below) for the following time periods: 2018-2019 (or until the most recent month available), 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016 and 2014-2015. Please release any readily available data-sets.

<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of physical assaults on NHS staff</b>
April 2014 - March 2015	134
April 2015 - March 2016	167
April 2016 - March 2017	373
April 2017 - March 2018	372
April 2018 - Feb 2019	462

Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust do not record the profession of staff assaulted.



4. If recorded, please provide a breakdown of the data for your whole trust, of the total number of physical assaults on staff by aggravating factors (see below) for the following time periods: 2018-2019 (or until the most recent month available), 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016 and 2014-2015. Please release any readily available data-sets.

5. Could you please provide the amount of money spent on private security guards for each of the following years: 2018-2019 (or until the most recent month available), 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016 and 2014-2015. Please release any readily available data-sets.

The total amount spent on private security guards is not recorded separately by Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust. This expenditure is included in the figures set out below for security measures.

Could you also provide the amount of money total money spent on security measures (including but not exclusive to body cameras, CCTV, re-designing clinical environments, security staff, campaigns) for each of the following years: 2017-2018, (or until the most recent month available), 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016 and 2014-2015.

Date	Spend on security measures
April 2014 - March 2015	77,084.19
April 2015 - March 2016	45,031.40
April 2016 - March 2017	54,378.54
April 2017 - March 2018	62,095.85
April 2018 - Feb 2019	85,875.48

Definitions and criteria for questions 1-4:

Physical assault is the intentional application of force against the person without lawful justification resulting in physical injury or personal discomfort. For the purposes of this FOI spitting is included in this definition.

Non-physical assault is the use of inappropriate words or behaviour causing distress and/or constituting harassment. Non-physical assault includes the following (but is not exclusive to) offensive or obscene language; verbal abuse and swearing; brandishing weapons, or objects which could be used as weapons; attempted assaults; offensive gestures; threats; intimidation; harassment or stalking; damage to buildings equipment or vehicles which causes fear for personal safety; offensive language or behaviour related to a person's, race, gender, nationality, religion, disability, age or sexual orientation; inappropriate sexual language or behaviour.



Professions include (but are not exclusive to) the following: nurses (including student nurses), doctors (including student doctors), security staff, healthcare assistants, paramedics, midwives, health visitors and porters.

Aggravating factors can include (but is not is not exclusive to) the following: racial, sexual, sexual harassment, homophobia, ableism, ageism, hate crime, and mental illness or condition.

Please include any information already previously released or if this information is in the public domain in your responses, or provide page references and URLs to this information.

Please give reasons where my request is denied, referencing the Freedom of Information Act. If the reason given is breach of confidentiality please provide copies of signed confidentiality agreements as any information should not be viewed as confidential without such agreements in place.

I expect to receive an acknowledgement of my FOI request.

Kind regards,

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