

31 May 2017

Our Ref: RFI 20422

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Number of Assaults on Social Workers for the
Calendar Years 2013 – 2017 etc**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 18 May 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Human Resources & Corporate Affairs Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support**

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This request concerns the number of assaults on social workers of your authority.

Q1. *Please state the number of assaults reported by social workers to your authority in each of the following calendar years.*

- i) 2013*
- ii) 2014*
- iii) 2015*
- iv) 2016*
- v) 2017 to 25/04/17*

A1. Please see response provided in Table 1 attached.

Q2. *Please provide details of each incident and the injuries sustained by social workers of your authority in each incident.*

Please provide information for each of the following calendar years.

- i) 2013*
- ii) 2014*
- iii) 2015*
- iv) 2016*
- v) 2017 to 25/04/17*

A2. Please see response provided in Table 2 attached.

Q3. *Please state the number of criminal convictions that resulted from these assaults on your social workers in each of the following calendar years.*

- i) 2013*
- ii) 2014*
- iii) 2015*
- iv) 2016*
- v) 2017 to 25/04/17*

A3. The Trust does not hold the information you have requested above.