

5 February 2019

Our Ref: RFI 26818

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Attacks on Healthcare Workers**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 8 January 2019.

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

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

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

**Catherine Treanor
Information Governance Assistant**

How many:**1) Nurses****2) Doctors****3) Health staff****4) Ambulance personnel****Have been attacked in hospitals while on duty in the trust?****Please provide a breakdown of the numbers of above.**

Please see Table 1 below which shows the number of reported physical assaults against staff for the period 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018. We are unable to break it down exactly as requested but have broken it down by staff type.

Table 1

Staff Type	Total
Medical & Dental	30
Admin & Clerical	4
Ancillary & General	48
Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting	543
Professional & Technical	13
Social Work	6
Total	644