

FOI_1528_2023-24 – FOI Request concerning Physical Assaults Against Hospital Staff by Patients and Members of the Public

1. **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?**

Solent NHS Trusts provides community services across a wide range of sites, as well as on Trust premises, such as wards and clinics. Therefore, it is possible some assaults occurring on non-Trust premises have been included in these figures.

Year	Number of Physical Assaults
2019	324
2020	316
2021	337
2022	337
2023	408

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

We do not record that information.

3. **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?**

N/A

4. **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?**

Please find our Surveillance Camera Policy:

[surveillance-camera-system-policy-cctv.pdf \(solent.nhs.uk\)](https://www.solent.nhs.uk/~/media/our-trusts/solent-nhs-trust/policies-and-procedures/surveillance-camera-system-policy-cctv.pdf)