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REQUEST & RESPONSE

. How many patient-on-patient attacks* have been recorded in the previous five calendar years (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)

- a) How many of these attacks resulted in an injury?**
- b) How many of these attacks did not result in an injury?**

Please submit your data in the following tables:

2009				2010			
Total attacks	Injury	No injury	Unknown if injury or not	Total attacks	Injury	No injury	Unknown if injury or not

Unable to provide this information as the Datix System used to record this information was only implemented in 2011.

2011				2012				2013			
Total attacks	Injury	No injury	Unknown if injury or not	Total attacks	Injury	No injury	Unknown if injury or not	Total attacks	Injury	No injury	Unknown if injury or not
8			8	5			5	15			15

2. Please give us a brief description of each attack, if possible within the cost limit.

*By 'patient-on-patient attacks' we mean a patient making a physical assault on another patient.

The Trust is unable to detail this information as to provide it may identify the individuals concerned. This would constitute personal information and would be considered exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 40 (FOI Act) provides an exemption to disclosure, where disclosure would contravene any of the Data Protection principles. This exemption is an absolute exemption that is not subject to the public interest test. Where the information relates to an individual who can be identified from that data, or from that data when added to other information, in the possession of, or likely to come into the possession of the data controller, this meets the definition of personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act.