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## REQUEST

Sir/Madam

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you kindly provide me with the following information for your trust within 20 working days.

1. Following the changes to NHS Protect in April 2017 do you still have access to an accredited local security management specialist?

- a) If yes, are they directly employed or support accessed as part of a contract?
- b) If no, how is your board assured of maintaining security standards?

2. Please provide in the table below information about aggression and violence incidents for the financial years April 2014 – March 2015, April 2015 – March 2016, April 2016 – March 2017. Please note all non-physical assaults would include all incidents of aggression and violence that did not result in physical contact i.e. verbal, racial abuse etc.

a	b	c	d	e	f
Year	Total number of incidents reported in each year in your risk management system	<b>Physical Assault</b> as per NHS Protect definition and as would have been provided in previous annual submission	<b>Non-Physical Assault</b>	Total Aggression and Violence Incidents = sum of column c & d	% of aggression and violence incidents in relation to total number of incidents = column e divided by column b x 100
April 2014 – March 2015					
April 2015 – March 2016					
April 2016 – March 2017					

3. For the physical assault numbers above please break down by the actual impact recorded for each incident in the table below. If your grading of actual impact is different to that defined below, please match to the nearest descriptor from your risk management system.

Year	Physical Assault Actual Impact	
April 2014 – March 2015	No Harm	
	Low Harm	
	Moderate Harm	
	Severe Harm	
	Catastrophic Harm	
	<b>Total</b>	
April 2015 – March 2016	No Harm	
	Low Harm	
	Moderate Harm	
	Severe Harm	
	Catastrophic Harm	
	<b>Total</b>	
April 2016 – March 2017	No Harm	
	Low Harm	
	Moderate Harm	
	Severe Harm	
	Catastrophic Harm	
	<b>Total</b>	

4. For the physical assaults number above, please indicate in the table below how many incidents were classified as serious and investigated in line with the NHS England Serious Incident Framework.

Year	Physical Assault - Serious Incidents
April 2014 – March 2015	
April 2015 – March 2016	
April 2016 – March 2017	

5. For the physical assaults numbers detailed in table 2, please break down the number in the table below by the staff group.

Year	Staff Group	
April 2014 – March 2015	Healthcare assistants and other support staff	
	Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting staff	
	Nursing Midwifery and Health Visiting learners	
	<b>Total</b>	
April 2015 – March 2016	Healthcare assistants and other support staff	
	Nursing, Midwifery and	

Year	Staff Group	
	Health Visiting staff	
	Nursing Midwifery and Health Visiting learners	
	<b>Total</b>	
April 2016 – March 2017	Healthcare assistants and other support staff	
	Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting staff	
	Nursing Midwifery and Health Visiting learners	
	<b>Total</b>	

## RESPONSE

1. Yes, the Trust still has access to an accredited LSMS who is directly employed.
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a	b	c	d	e	f
Year	Total number of incidents reported in each year in your risk management system	<b>Physical Assault</b> as per NHS Protect definition and as would have been provided in previous annual submission	<b>Non-Physical Assault</b>	Total Aggression and Violence Incidents = sum of column c & d	% of aggression and violence incidents in relation to total number of incidents = column e divided by column b x 100
April 2014 – March 2015	2420	132	205	337	13.92%
April 2015 – March 2016	2986	160	247	407	13.63%
April 2016 – March 2017	3051	277	155	432	14.15%

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Year	Physical Assault Actual Impact	
April 2014 – March 2015	No Harm	69
	Low Harm	59
	Moderate Harm	4
	Severe Harm	0
	Catastrophic Harm	0
	<b>Total</b>	132
April 2015 – March 2016	No Harm	90
	Low Harm	67
	Moderate Harm	3
	Severe Harm	0
	Catastrophic Harm	0
	<b>Total</b>	160
April 2016 – March 2017	No Harm	138
	Low Harm	128
	Moderate Harm	11
	Severe Harm	0
	Catastrophic Harm	0
	<b>Total</b>	277

4.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Physical Assault - Serious Incidents</b>
April 2014 – March 2015	0
April 2015 – March 2016	0
April 2016 – March 2017	0

5. The Trust does not routinely capture data on the grade/designation of the staff member involved as it is not a mandatory field. Therefore completion of the table is not possible.