

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2023.090
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Thank you for your email received 9 June 2023 requesting information regarding staff violence.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

Please could you tell me the following information, breaking it down year by year, including 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022:

- **How many instances of violence and harassment against staff were reported?**
- **How many instances of physical assault were reported?**
- **How many instances of sexual assault were reported by health boards?**
- **How many times were police officers called to your trust after a staff member was abused or harassed?**

The table below provides information extracted from the Trust’s incident reporting system and data from the Employee Relations Team. Please note that we identify violence, harassment and physical assault under the category of physical abuse, assault or violence.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
How many instances of violence and harassment against staff were reported?	40	43	44	38	55
How many instances of physical assault were reported?	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above
How many instances of sexual assault were reported by health boards?	4	12	3	8	12

How many times were police officers called to your trust after a staff member was abused or harassed?

Between 2018 and 2022 the police were called to the Trust 11 times after a staff member was abused or harassed.

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