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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 19th December 2025. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with the following information about assaults, bullying and harassment recorded by the trust.

1. How many injuries to staff as a result of physical assaults by patients, visitors and other members of the public were recorded in the following financial years?
 - 2024-25. **272**
 - 2023-24. **279**
 - 2022-23. **229**
2. How many injuries to staff as a result of physical assaults by patients were recorded in the following financial years?
 - 2024-25. **272**
 - 2023-24. **279**
 - 2022-23. **229**
3. How many incidents of physical assault by patients, visitors and other members of the public against staff that involved weapons were recorded in the following financial years?
 - 2024-25. **5**
 - 2023-24. **1**
 - 2022-23. **2**
4. How many incidents of physical assault by patients against staff that involved weapons were recorded in the following financial years?
 - 2024-25. **5**
 - 2023-24. **1**
 - 2022-23. **2**

5. How many incidents of bullying and harassment by staff against other staff were recorded in the following financial years?
 - 2024-25. **17**
 - 2023-24. **5**
 - 2022-23. **8**
6. How many incidents of physical assaults by staff against other staff were recorded in the following financial years?
 - 2024-25. **0**
 - 2023-24. **0**
 - 2022-23. **0**
7. How many injuries to staff as a result of physical assaults by other staff were recorded in the following financial years?
 - 2024-25. **0**
 - 2023-24. **0**
 - 2022-23. **0**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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