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## 003078

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### Question

1. *I would like to gain accurate figures on reported physical assaults against staff in and around the hospital and the type of assault committed please for 2015 / 16*

2. *Further I would like to gain contact details for:*

LSMS  
Security Manager  
Health & Safety Manager

### Response

A1) In 2015/16 there were 85 reported incidents of physical assaults on staff. In order to provide the level of detail you have requested the Trust would have to review individual incidents to determine the type of assault. The Trust is refusing this part of your request on the basis that it would take a minimum 15 minutes to review each incident, a total of 21 hours. The Trust is therefore applying a Section 12 Exemption to this part of your request (see annex below)

#### A2) Security and Health & Safety Services

The Trust does not have a 'Local Security Management Specialist' or anyone designated specifically as a 'Security Manager'. The Trust's Health and Safety Manager is John Mitchell (email: [john.mitchell@ncuh.nhs.uk](mailto:john.mitchell@ncuh.nhs.uk))

#### Annex

##### Freedom of Information Act 2000;

**Section 12 (1)** – Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

##### Statutory Instrument 2004 No.3244 - The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004;

**Section 3** - (1) This regulation has effect to prescribe the appropriate limit referred to in section 9a(3) and (4) of the 1998 Act and the appropriate limit referred to in section 12(1) and (2) of the 2000 Act. (2) In the case of a public authority which is listed in Part1 of Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act, the appropriate limit is £600. (3) In the case of any other public authority, the appropriate limit is £450.

**Section 4** – (4) To the extent to which any of the costs which a public authority takes into account are attributable to the time which persons undertaking any of the activities mentioned in paragraph three (3) on behalf of the authority are expected to spend on those activities, those costs are to be estimated at a rate of £25 per person per hour.