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Dear Mr Rigby

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information Request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act which was received on 13 December 2018. I can confirm that we hold part of the information you have requested. You asked the following questions, reproduced in **bold** below:

I am requesting the information regarding risk assessment for ambulance staff and the wearing of PPE in particular protective vest.

NEAS does not have a risk assessment that requires the wearing of body armour as it is not a control measure we consider for our operational front line crews. However, our Hazardous Area Response Team (HART) wear ballistic PPE only when involved in Marauding Terrorist Firearms Attack incidents.

I would also like the statistics relating to injuries received as a result of assaults on ambulance staff for 2018. Please categorise into groups:-

- **Physical assault**
- **Blunt force trauma**
- **Knife**

Reported Incidents of Physical Abuse towards NEAS staff resulting in injury for 2018

Body Part	Injury Extent	Injury Type
Arm (R)	Minor Injury	Bite / Sting - Human
Genitals	To Be Determined	Ache/pain
Back (Upper)	To Be Determined	Musculoskeletal
Head	Minor Injury	Swelling/bump
Arm (U)	Minor Injury	Scratch
Hand (L)	Minor Injury	Swelling/bump
Mouth	To Be Determined	Foreign Body

Wrist (L)	To Be Determined	Musculoskeletal
Hand (R)	Minor Injury	Scratch
Chest	Minor Injury	Ache/pain
Head	Minor Injury	Bruise
Arm (L)	Minor Injury	Break
Arm (L)	Minor Injury	Scratch
Shoulder (L)	Minor Injury	Strain/sprain
Wrist (L)	Minor Injury	Scratch
Arm (R)	Minor Injury	Ache/pain
Face	Minor Injury	Abrasion
Thumb (L)	To Be Determined	Strain/sprain
Hand (L)	To Be Determined	Scratch
Face	Minor Injury	Swelling/bump
Mouth	To Be Determined	Needlestick
Thumb (L)	Over 7 Day Injury (RIDDOR Repo)	Musculoskeletal
Wrist (R)	To Be Determined	
Hand (L)	Minor Injury	Bruise
	Minor Injury	
Leg (L)	Major Injury	Ache/pain
Chest	Minor Injury	Musculoskeletal
Arm (L)	Minor Injury	Bite / Sting - Human
Hand (L)	Minor Injury	Musculoskeletal
Shoulder (R)	Minor Injury	Ache/pain
Rib(s)	To Be Determined	Musculoskeletal
Arm (L)	Minor Injury	Bite / Sting - Human
Shoulder (L)	To Be Determined	Sore (Muscle)

If you are not satisfied with the information we have provided, you can request an internal review which will be carried out by Mr Paul Aitken-Fell, who is the Trust's Consultant Paramedic and is someone not involved with your original request.

If you wish to follow this route, please contact audrey.turnbull@neas.nhs.uk who will commence the process on your behalf.

If you remain unhappy with the outcome of the review, you can ultimately complain to:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely



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