

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

THE ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITALS NHS TRUST RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST

Date Request Received: 13th March 2019

FOI Ref: 5777

Requested Information

- 1) Can you specify how many patients under the age of 18 have been treated for knife injuries in your Trust since 2013. Can you give a break down by age and sex.
- 2) Over the same period can you tell me how many staff while at work in Trust hospitals have been threatened with a knife or similar sharp object, or attacked by people using knives or similar sharp object.
- 3) How many staff or visitors (ie not patients) to Trust hospitals have required treatment following an attack in a hospital.
- 4) How many times have police been called to hospitals in the trust area to deal with incidents involving violent behaviour of patients or hospital visitors in each year from 2013 to present

Response

- 1) Please be advised that we are unable to code attendances to knife injuries specifically, however we can confirm that data from the Emergency Department system shows that since 2013 (inclusive) 6 female and 22 male patients under the age of 18 have been treated by the Trust for assault causing laceration/incision but this is not specifically caused by knives only. Please see the table below for patients age and gender

DESCRIPTION	Main Diagnosis Description	GENDER	Age on Arrival
Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	9
Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	11
Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	13
Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	13
Assault	Laceration/Incision	F	14
Assault	Laceration/Incision	F	14
Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	14
Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	14
Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	15
Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	15
Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	15
Assault	Laceration/Incision	F	16
Assault	Laceration/Incision	F	16
Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	16
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Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	16
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Assault	Laceration/Incision	M	16
Assault	Laceration/Incision	F	17
Assault	Laceration/Incision	F	17

- 2) Please be advised 10 incidents have been recorded where members of staff at the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust have been threatened with or attacked with a knife from 01st January 2013 to 31st March 2019. Please be advised due to the way this information is held the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust is unable to conduct a search for 'sharp objects' used to threaten or attack member of staff
- 3) Please be advised due to the way this information is held the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust is unable to extract how many staff or visitors have required treatment following an attack at the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust
- 4) Please be advised due to the way this information is held the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust is unable to extract how many times police have been called to the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust to deal with incidents involving violent behavior of patients or visitors from 01st January 2013 to 31st March 2019

Attachment(s)

None

Date Response Sent:

April 2019