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Dear Requester

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you once again for your request under the Freedom of Information Act. For ease of reference I am attaching your original questions:

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.

This information is not recorded centrally. The details of injuries (including whether they are a knife injury) are recorded within patient notes, therefore, gathering this information would require manual interrogation of the patient notes. This would exceed the appropriate limit on the cost of compliance specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. Unfortunately, this means we are unable to provide the information requested.

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. Less than ten occurrences recorded on the incident reporting system since 2013.

How many staff or visitors (ie not patients) to Trust hospitals have required treatment following an attack in a hospital. 15 occurrences recorded on the incident reporting system since 2013. Most injuries were minor.

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? This information is no longer recorded centrally. However, in data from 2013 to June 2018, there were 157 instances of police being called as a result of violent behaviour.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request will be held on a database held by the Trust.

I hope the information provided meets your needs. If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of the response to your original request and should be sent to the Trust Company Secretary, at the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether your application has been dealt with in accordance with the Act. 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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