

Our ref: HACW-1426

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By email
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Dear Mike Overthrow,

Re: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received on 13 March 2018. You requested the following information:

FOI request:

Please could you provide me with details of the following incidents that occurred in mental health facilities managed by your trust on an annual basis, broken down by year from 2011 to 2018:

1. Total number of reported patient on staff assaults in mental health facilities managed by your Trust each year
2. Total number of reported patient on patient assaults in mental health facilities managed by your Trust each year
3. Number of reported arson attempts / deliberately started fires in mental health facilities managed by your Trust each year
4. Number of reported assaults that included a weapon (knife, razor blade, needle etc) in mental health facilities managed by your Trust each year
5. Total amount paid in compensation by the Trust as a result of reported assaults by patients at mental health facilities managed by your trust each year.

Trust response:

1. 01/04/2017 to 20/03/2018 - Patient on Staff Assaults in mental health facilities: 250

For previous to above date: **Section 21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.** This information is already published on our website and is considered exempt from disclosure under section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, as it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. Please follow link <http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/our-services/freedom-of-information/publication-scheme/lists-and-registers/disclosure-log/> and see request HACW-1191 (July 2017 log)

2. 01/04/2017 to 20/03/2018 - Patient on Patient Assaults in mental health facilities: 106

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3. Fire/arson attempts in mental health facilities:

Year	Fire	Arson
2013/14	2	2
2014/15	2	4
2015/16	0	3
2016/17	1	3
2017/18	2	1

Please note: Our current incident reporting system dates back to 2013 and all data prior to this date has been archived. It is estimated that to provide data prior to 01 April 2013 would be very labour intensive as we would need to interrogate and search through old archived files and cross reference several sources of archived data. **Section 12 of the FOI Act** makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local authorities is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Therefore, this part of your request will not be processed further.

4. The Trust cannot identify individual incidents that involve weapons without reviewing each individual incident. **Section 12 of the FOI Act** makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local authorities is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The Trust estimates it will take in excess of 2.5 working days to locate retrieve and manually go through each individual incident to extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, this part of your request will not be processed further.

5. The compensation for injuries caused by assaults by patients on mental health wards since 2011 is as follows:

2011 - £0
2012 - £0
2013 - £6000
2014 - £5585
2015 - £0
2016 - £0
2017 - £0
2018 - £0 (to date)

Please be aware that although this information is accurate at the time it is provided, it may not be in the future and should not be relied upon.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, your request will form part of our disclosure log within our Publication Scheme. Therefore, a version of our response, which will protect your identity, will be posted on the Worcestershire Health and Care Trust website.

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I trust this matter has been dealt with to your satisfaction but if there is anything on which you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at the email address above. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Head of Information Governance, Worcestershire Health and Care Trust, Isaac Maddox House, Worcester WR4 9RW.

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The Information Commissioner's address is: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

FOI Team - Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

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<http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/foi-satisfaction-questionnaire/>