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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4782

I am writing in response to your request for an internal review submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, this internal review was received on 15th July 2021.
Your original request was as follows:

1. Please answer the following:
2. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21 (financial years from April to March)
3. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded that involved medical factors in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
4. The total number of times physical injury to staff was caused in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
5. The total number of times restraint was used following a physical assault on staff in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
6. The total number of times seclusion was used following a physical assault on staff in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
7. Total number of criminal sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
8. Total number of civil and administrative sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
9. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as charge in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
10. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as verbal warning in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
11. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as no action in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
12. The total number of times it was recorded that the victim did not want police to pursue the matter in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
13. Total number of staff reported by the trust at March 31, 2019, March 31, 2020 and at March 31, 2021.

Please see our response below in [blue](#).

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) has now conducted an internal review following on from your original request which was dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Our Internal Review Process details that one of three outcomes can be made from this, the outcomes are as follows:

- The original response is upheld; or
- The original response is reversed in part or in full; or
- The original response is modified.

In our original response we provided all information apart from two responses to question 8. *Total number of civil and administrative sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21*, this was due to the number of assaults relating to patients and staff



was under 5 and therefore Section 40 (2) was applied in accordance to the FOIA.

Following on from the internal review where we have assessed all options and have made the decision to modify the original response, please find attached modified excel spreadsheet. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Jan Ross

Ms Jan Ross, Chief Executive Officer

