

04/10/2022

Dear Requester,

FOI 1413

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

How much money has been spent by the Trust employing hospital security staff with an SIA licence over the last five years?

Security is an outsourced service, this is part of a contract the Trust has with APCOA.

Please break the costs down into a yearly budget. I am specifically asking for the amount spent on salaries for staff holding an SIA licence for the years below and the number of staff employed holding an SIA licence for each year.

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022 to date

Please see response to question 1, the staff are employed by APCOA.

Please include the number of staff employed currently by your Trust who hold the SIA licence.

N/A

I would also like to find out how many assaults took place on NHS staff for each of the years above.

Luton & Dunstable Hospital:

Violence and Aggression against Staff Incidents by Sub Category and Reported Date (Year)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Inappropriate / aggressive behaviour by a patient towards an object / structure (NOT self harm)	5	3	3	2	1
Other (ensure this is fully explained in description)	0	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
Physical assault on patient by staff	1	2	4	0	2
Physical assault on staff by patient	157	142	119	164	122
Physical assault on staff by staff (or other person)	3	4	5	5	4

Potential of Assault by other Person [INACTIVE 2018-10-22]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Potential of Assault by Patient [INACTIVE 2018-10-22]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Racial	7	8	4	5	3
Sexual	1	0	0	2	4
Verbal	90	44	65	56	36
Total	264	203	200	234	172

Bedford:

Violence and Aggression against Staff Incidents by Sub Category and Reported Date (Year)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Inappropriate / aggressive behaviour by a patient towards an object / structure (NOT self harm)	0	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
Other (ensure this is fully explained in description)	0	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
Physical assault on patient by staff	1-5	0	1-5	1-5	0
Physical assault on staff by patient	76	52	89	102	62
Physical assault on staff by staff (or other person)	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
Potential of Assault by other Person [INACTIVE 2018-10-22]	1-5	0	0	0	0
Potential of Assault by Patient [INACTIVE 2018-10-22]	1-5	0	0	0	0
Racial	0	1-5	6	8	1-5
Sexual	0	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
Verbal	44	61	54	87	33
Total	125	126	157	212	108

***The data for 2018-2021 for Luton has been exempted under Section 21 (Already in the Public Domain). Please see our disclosure log.**

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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