



FOI 2875

Date 10/04/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

Could I submit an FOI requesting the follow from 2018 to present please -

The number of NHS staff (across registered professionals and non-registered professionals) who have faced misconduct or gross misconduct over the following examples:

- **abusive or violent behaviour towards another employee, member of public or patient**
- **ill-treatment or mishandling of patients**
- **harming patients**
- **sexual abuse or assault**
- **professional misconduct**
- **abuse of position or power**
- **falsifying records**

Answer:

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Abusive or violent behaviour towards another employee, member of public or patient | Information for this period not retained in a format that enables a meaningful response to be provided. | | | 7 | 10 | 3 | 4 |
| Ill-treatment or mishandling of patients | | | | 4 | 8 | 9 | 4 |
| Harming patients | | | | 1 | 1 | --- | 1 |
| Sexual abuse or assault | | | | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Professional misconduct | | | | 14 | 17 | 17 | 25 |
| Abuse of position or power | | | | 1 | 3 | --- | 2 |
| Falsifying records | | | | 3 | 6 | 1 | 3 |



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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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