



3 February 2022

Email:

Dear Sir/ Madam

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: AD/IG/01(2)/5558-23

Subject: Assaults on Staff

Request: Date Received: 16/01/2023
Date of Monitoring: 17/01/2023
Date of Response: 03/02/2023

Thank you for your request for information received on 16 January 2023 which was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) Health and Social Care Trust has now completed its search for the information you requested and that is detailed below.

Question 1

Could I have a total figure on how many ambulance personnel who have been assaulted (minor to major) in the process of carrying out their duties from assailants/offenders from January 2022 until December 2022?

Answer 1

648 staff assaults

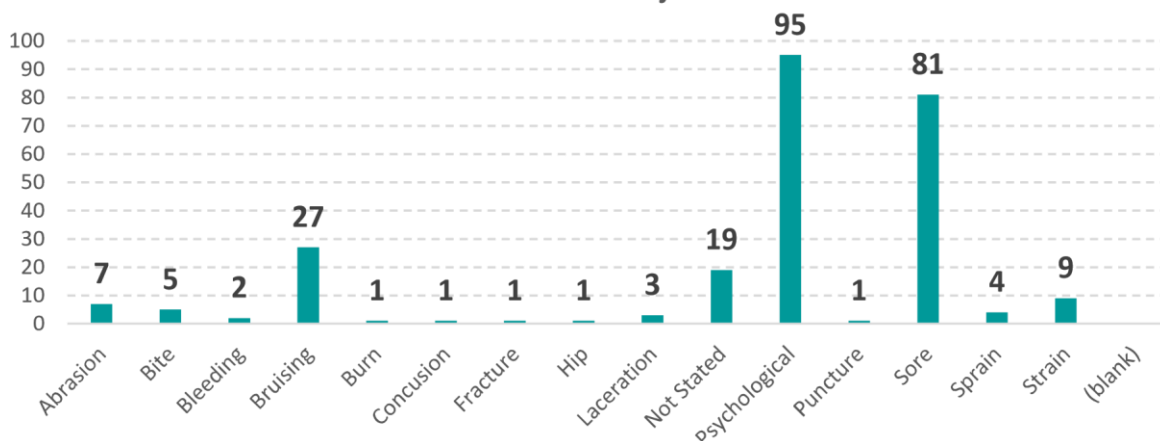
Question 2

Can you possibly give a breakdown on these injuries - Breakages, loss of limb, loss of service?

Answer 2

Of 648 staff assaults, staff recorded injury at the time of reporting in 257 incidents

Staff assaults with injuries Jan to Dec 2022





I hope this fully assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) HSC Trust, Site 30, Knockbracken Healthcare Park, Saintfield Road, Belfast, BT8 8SG.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the Trust has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Website: ni@ico.org.uk
Post: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Telephone: 028 9027 8757 or 0303 123 1114 (Belfast based Office)

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that NIAS replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ <http://www.niamb.co.uk>. Personal details in respect of your request will have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Yours faithfully,

Information Governance
Officer