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Subject: General Surgical Staffing levels and abuse against ED staff members

Request and Response

I'm writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would be grateful for any information held by your organisation as detailed in the query as below. In order to assist I have attempted to be as specific as possible. I have attached an Excel spread sheet to assist. Please feel free to fill in the spreadsheet or reply electronically with the data as outlined below.

- **Number of abuse incidents against staff working in the Emergency Department from January 2017- March 2022 broken down by month:**
 1. Assaults resulting in injury
 2. Assaults resulting in non-injury
 3. Verbal abuse
 4. Sexual harassment/abuse
 5. Other abuse not characterised as above

Please see attached spreadsheet which includes data from RVH, RBHSC and MIH Emergency Departments.

Were the numbers are low we are not able to provide the exact figure as requested. Due to low numbers of <5, we consider that individuals could be identified and disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under FOI Act Section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party.

- **Number of current clinicians in the General Surgical department:**
 1. General Surgical Consultants employed by the trust - **22**
 2. General Surgical Consultant vacancies - **0**
 3. Post CCT fellows - **2 Speciality Doctors**
 4. Post CCT fellow vacancies - **0**
 5. Training post speciality registrars (ST3-ST8) - **7**
 6. Non training post registrars (ST3 – ST8 level equivalence) - **0**
 7. Registrar level (ST3-ST8) vacancies - **4**
 8. Core Surgical trainees - **10**
 9. SHOs in a national training post excluding core surgical trainees (e.g. GPST, Foundation Year 2 doctors) - **6**
 10. SHOs not in a training post - **0**
 11. SHO level vacancies - **0**

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| 12. Foundation Year 1 doctors in a national training programme - | 16 |
| 13. Foundation Year 1 equivalent doctors not in a national training programme. - | 0 |
| 14. Foundation year 1 level vacancies - | 0 |
| 15. Any additional qualified doctors not listed as above employed by the general surgical department and their job title - | 0 |

****Please note that the above figures include staff employed directly by BHSCT or Single Lead Employer (trainees)***