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Breakdown on the types of assaults with figures on each on healthcare staff in RVH, Childrens and Mater hospitals

1. Breakdown on the types of assaults with figures on each on healthcare staff in RVH, Childrens and Mater hospitals e.g., cuts & bruises, spitting, punches, kicking, biting, broken limbs, ribs, dislocations, black eyes etc.

2. For the period 1st January 2022 until 31 December 2022.

From 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022 there were 232 incidents of physical assault on staff reported within the Royal (including RBHSC) and Mater sites.

Of these 232 incidents, 173 had injuries recorded against them as follows:

	Royal Victoria Hospital site (excluding RBHSC)	Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC)	Mater Hospital	Total
Abrasion	21	0	6	27
Bite (skin broken)	2	0	3	5
Bite (skin not broken)	3	1	0	4
Bruise or swelling	34	1	7	42
Laceration	6	0	3	9
Pain	55	2	12	69
Sprain or strain	1	0	1	2
Other	10	0	5	15
Total	132	4	37	173