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Sexual Assaults by Nurses

I would like to request the following piece of information:

1. 'Number of sexual assaults annually by nurses on patients since 2008'
2. 'Number of sexual assaults by staff members on patients since 2008'

Please note:

- There is no specific code for sexual assault.
- From January 2008 to March 2019, the code used in the response was **Abuse by the staff to the patient – sexual**.
- New codes were implemented from April 2019, the code used in the response from this date is **Inappropriate/Aggressive Behaviour towards a Patient by Staff - Sexual (including indecent exposure)**.
- The majority of these incidents occurred on non-acute (Mental Health, Intellectual Disability and Older People Services) sites involving patients whose challenging behaviour is as a result of their medical condition or disability.

Q1) Number of sexual assaults annually by nurses on patients since 2008.

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	2	2	4	2	20
0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	2	2	4	2	20

Q2) Number of sexual assaults by staff members on patients since 2008.

Total number of alleged sexual assaults recorded on the incident reporting system by staff members on patients since 2008 is **146**.