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Serious Adverse Incidents

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about Serious Adverse Incidents. Please could you provide the following information for each of the last three years (2020-2022)?

1. The number of Serious Adverse Incidents reported within the Trust, in which Trust facility the incidents were reported to have taken place, and how each incident was categorised.

Table 1: SAI Notifications submitted to SPPG by Year and Hospital Site

Site	2020	2021	2022
Belfast City Hospital Site	16	22	19
Community Locations*	20	33	15
Forster Green Hospital Site	<5	<5	<5
Knockbracken Healthcare Park Site	<5	0	<5
Mater Hospital Site	5	11	14
Muckamore Abbey Hospital Site	<5	13	<5
Musgrave Park Hospital Site	<5	<5	<5
Royal Group of Hospitals Site	51	77	82

Table 2: SAI Notifications by Year and SAI Criteria

SAI Criteria	2020	2021	2022
Serious incidents of public interest or concern	<5	<5	<5
Serious injury to, or the unexpected/ unexplained death	33	56	51
Serious self-harm / assault by Service user in the community	0	<5	<5
Serious self-harm / assault within Healthcare facility	<5	<5	<5
Suspected suicide of MH Client/ Patient of last 12 months	<5	<5	0
Unexpected or significant threat to provide service and / or	<5	<5	7
Unexpected serious risk to service user and / or staff member	60	96	70

Use of <5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as this could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

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2. **Additionally, would you please provide the number of reports of sexual assaults on Trust property for the same time period, and which facility each of these incidents were reported to have taken place.**

Sexual Assaults - Patients/Clients

Please note:

There is no specific code for **sexual assault**. Therefore, the code used to extract the data for this response is **Inappropriate / Aggressive Behaviour - Sexual (including harassment and indecent exposure)**.

The majority of these incidents occurred on non-acute (Mental Health, Intellectual Disability) sites involving patients whose challenging behaviour is as a result of their medical condition or disability.

Table 3: Incidents by Site and Incident date (Year)

Site	2020	2021	2022
Belfast City Hospital Site	83	89	126
Community Locations*	46	78	134
Forster Green Hospital Site	5	12	11
Knockbracken Healthcare Park Site	19	69	58
Mater Hospital Site	<5	<5	<5
Muckamore Abbey Hospital Site	41	52	30
Musgrave Park Hospital Site	<5	9	<5
Royal Group of Hospitals Site	7	15	7

*Data includes Trust facilities in the community such as Day Centres and Residential Homes but excludes non-trust / non-healthcare settings, private hospitals and patient/client homes. These are not broken down by facility, as some of these are very small facilities with small numbers that could potentially be used to identify individuals.

Sexual Assaults - Staff

There have been less than 5 cases of sexual assault over 2020, 2021 and 2022.

We are unable to provide an exact figure or facility name – exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as this would make persons personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018.