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## Assaulted Staff

**QUESTION 1: Could I have a total figure on how many nurses and doctors/healthcare professionals in RVH, BCH, Mater, RJMS & RBHSC have been assaulted (minor to major) in the process of carrying out their duties from assailants/offenders from 1 April 2022 until 31 December 2023.**

The total number of reported incidents was 577.

**QUESTION 2: Can you also give me a breakdown of these injuries.**

Breakdown of Injuries

Abrasion	144
Bite (skin broken)	9
Bite (skin not broken)	8
Bruise or swelling	114
Burn or scald	8
Concussion	4
Fracture	1
Laceration	44
Pain	235
Sharps	6
Splash	1
Sprain or strain	4
Other	54

Please note:

This request has referenced assailants/offenders which are terms open to interpretation and are not recognised terms within our Datix classification codes.

The data provided is the number of physical assaults on staff during the timeframe and not produced dependent on who was responsible.