

21 February 2024

Assaults on Doctors, Nurses and Other Healthcare Professionals (1 Nov 22 – 31 Dec 23)

1. All assaults on doctors and nurses and other healthcare professionals who deal with patients in the Health Care System for RVH, RBHSC, Mater, BCH, and the RJMH in the process of carrying out their duties from patients from 1st November 2022 until 31st December 2023. A total figure will suffice.

The total number of Physical contact (actual assault) on doctors and nurses and other healthcare professionals who deal with patients in the Health Care System for RVH, RBHSC, Mater, BCH, and the RJMH in the process of carrying out their duties from patients from 1st November 2022 until 31st December 2023 was **740**.

2. A breakdown on the types of assaults from minor to major with figures on each of the healthcare staff at the above hospitals e.g. cuts & bruises, spitting, punches, kicking, bitten, broken limbs, dislocations, black eyes etc.

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Breakdown of Injuries from Physical contact (actual assault) incidents with Severity of Minor to Major by Hospital site and Staff type:

	Staff - Allied Health Professionals	Staff - Medical	Staff - Nursing/ Midwifery	Staff - Social Services	Total
Belfast City Hospital Site	0	0	182	1	183
Abrasion	0	0	39	0	39
Bite (skin broken)	0	0	1	1	2
Bite (skin not broken)	0	0	1	0	1
Bruise or swelling	0	0	15	0	15
Burn or scald	0	0	2	0	2
Concussion	0	0	4	0	4
Laceration	0	0	28	0	28
Other (specified in description)	0	0	11	0	11
Pain	0	0	81	0	81
Mater Hospital Site	0	1	47	1	49
Abrasion	0	0	2	0	2
Bruise or swelling	0	0	10	0	10
Fracture	0	0	1	0	1
Other (specified in description)	0	0	4	1	5
Pain	0	1	28	0	29
Splash	0	0	1	0	1
Sprain or strain	0	0	1	0	1
Royal Group of Hospitals Site	2	2	178	3	185
Abrasion	1	0	50	0	51
Bite (skin broken)	0	0	1	0	1
Bite (skin not broken)	0	0	4	0	4
Bruise or swelling	1	2	39	2	44
Laceration	0	0	9	0	9
Other (specified in description)	0	0	17	0	17
Pain	0	0	56	1	57
Sprain or strain	0	0	2	0	2
Total	2	3	407	5	417