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Physical/Verbal abuse against staff.

Can you please provide a breakdown of the number of physical assaults and verbal abuse against health care staff recorded within your health trust between 2019 and 2024?

As well as a yearly breakdown, please also provide a breakdown by location e.g. Craigavon hospital etc. and if possible type of assault/abuse. Please provide in a microsoft excel spreadsheet format.

Number of reported incidents of physical assaults and verbal abuse against staff between 2019 and 2024							
By Incident Type Tier Three and Year							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Physical contact (actual assault)	3855	3144	3450	3232	2969	2765	19415
Physical threat (no contact)	769	1147	1128	1095	1109	960	6208
Psychological abuse (bullying and harassment)	47	80	92	79	81	88	467
Sexual (including harassment and indecent expos	100	89	135	174	298	419	1215
Verbal Abuse	513	514	675	679	625	710	3716
Verbal abuse with disability content	1	1	3	0	2	0	7
Verbal abuse with gender content	6	7	8	15	11	9	56
Verbal abuse with racial content	45	53	65	83	74	106	426
Total	5336	5035	5556	5357	5169	5057	31510

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By Incident Type Tier Three and Site									
	Belfast City Hospital Site	Forster Green Hospital Site	Knockbracken Healthcare Park Site	Mater Hospital Site	Muckamore Abbey Hospital Site	Musgrave Park Hospital Site	Royal Group of Hospitals Site	Community Locations	Total
Physical contact (actual assault)	1637	1421	742	506	6662	364	1181	6902	19415
Physical threat (no contact)	1756	298	1040	130	1406	46	244	1288	6208
Psychological abuse (bullying and harassment)	79	14	46	14	23	2	77	212	467
Sexual (including harassment and indecent exposures)	346	41	383	24	102	26	42	251	1215
Verbal Abuse	654	247	672	139	70	126	743	1065	3716
Verbal abuse with disability content	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	7
Verbal abuse with gender content	16	0	22	2	2	0	5	9	56
Verbal abuse with racial content	135	24	102	14	57	13	44	37	426
Total	4625	2045	3009	829	8322	578	2336	9766	31510