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## **Assaults on Nursing and Medical Staff within the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust**

**1. The total number of assaults both physically, verbally and sexually on nurses and doctors within the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Hospitals by patients/visitors from 1st January 2025 until 21st November 2025.**

Within the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Hospitals, from 1st January 2025 until 21st November 2025, there were **1885** reported incidents of inappropriate/aggressive behaviour by patients/visitors towards nurses and doctors.

This behaviour includes Physical contact (actual assault), Physical threat (no contact), Psychological abuse (bullying and harassment), Sexual (including harassment and indecent exposure) and Verbal abuse.