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Assaults on Medical Staff While Working 2022-2023

I need to contact someone in the Trust who would oversee the assaults on medical staff over the Belfast Trust hospitals whether that be a manager or risk manager.

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Total figure on how many members of medical staff have been assaulted in the process of carrying out their duties from patients/offenders in the Belfast Trust Hospitals from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

As per the Incident reporting system the total number of BHSCT Medical Staff affected by 'Physical contact (actual assault)' Incidents between 1st April 2022 and 31 March 2023 was 21.

Types of injuries the medical staff suffered by the perpetrators as per Q 2.

From the 21 incidents reported as per Q2, 7 medical staff reported as sustaining injuries as follows:

	Abrasion	Bruise or swelling	Pain	Sprain or strain	Total
Staff - Medical	2	1	4	1	8

*1 x medical staff member reported sustaining 2 injuries.

And the method these injuries were inflicted on the medical staff by the perpetrators as per Q 2.

Please see the table below

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Description	Severity	Type	Status	Injury (primary)	Body Part	Secondary injury	Body part
Physical contact, no weapon involved	Minor	Staff Medical	Senior House Officer	Abrasion	Hand (left)	Abrasion	Arm (right)
Physical contact, no weapon involved	Minor	Staff Medical	Consultant/Professor	Sprain or strain	Hand (left)		
Physical contact, no weapon involved	Minor	Staff Medical	House Officer	Pain	Head		
Physical contact, no weapon involved	Minor	Staff Medical	Registrar	Pain	Face		
Physical contact, no weapon involved	Insignificant	Staff Medical	Medical staff (Grade unknown)	Pain	Face		
Physical contact, no weapon involved	Minor	Staff Medical	Consultant/Professor	Bruise or swelling	Face		
Physical contact, no weapon involved	Minor	Staff Medical	Senior House Officer	Pain	Trunk		