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## ADULT SAFEGUARDING and other Issues

I would like access to some information in accordance with your FOI policy.

**1) How many Adult Safeguarding referrals from all services in each year 2018-2023**

	April 18- March 19	April 19- March 20	April 20- March 21	April 21- March 22	April 22- March 23
total Referrals	3517	2949	3174	3785	3928

**2) How many times has a vulnerable adult been subjected to an incident of abuse in each year 2018 -2023**

This question is not clear, we are interpreting this as the same as number 1

**3) How many allegations / incidents of physical or verbal abuse (or other forms) to an employee/staff member in each year 2018-2023**

No. of reported incidents of Abuse/ Inappropriate / Aggressive Behaviour towards Staff:

	Total
2018	6504
2019	5632
2020	5350
2021	5921
2022	5811
2023 (to end May 2023)	*2471

Please note: Many of these incidents involve patients whose challenging behaviour is as a result of their medical condition or disability.

**4) How many times has a staff member been subjected to an incident of abuse in each year 2018-2023.**

No. of staff affected by reported incidents of Abuse/ Inappropriate / Aggressive Behaviour towards Staff:

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	Total
2018	8269
2019	6464
2020	5728
2021	6293
2022	5830
2023 (to end May 2023)	*2252

Please note: Many of these incidents involve patients whose challenging behaviour is as a result of their medical condition or disability.

\*More recent figures may still require quality assurance and therefore be subject to change.

**5) A list of all job profiles in your trust with the word Director included, for example co Director, assistant Director.**

Please see the attached excel spreadsheet with list

**6) Provides dates and minutes of when Adult Safeguarding was an agenda item in your board meetings since 2018.**

The link below gives the Trust Board meeting papers from 2021

[Meetings and minutes | Belfast Health & Social Care Trust website \(hscni.net\)](#)

Please also see attached the minutes that mention adult safeguarding from 2018 to 2020. We have five sets of minutes which are relevant in this time period.

Due to the large volume of pages to send as an attachment, we have provided the pages which reference adult safeguarding for your ease of access. Information relating to other subjects have been redacted as they do not relate to your request.

**7) Total payments to Private taxi companies for year 2018-2023. Include names of all companies contracted.**

We cannot provide private taxi spend for adult safeguarding. If requested and required we could provide spend for programme of care such as Older people services, mental health and intellectual disability services.