

Date: 2 February 2021

Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 03-2021

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Thank you for your email dated the 5th January 2021, requesting information in relation to staff assaults.

The information that you require is as follows:

- 1) How many physical assaults against NHS staff by patients have been recorded since January 2018. I would like this information broken down by month, and then by department.

Please note in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 our Trust is unable to release all of the information requested. The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust (CCC) is a relatively small Trust and by providing this level of detail where the number of staff assaults is less than or equal to five increases any 'potential' risk of this data becoming identifiable information and thereby contravening one or more of the Data Protection Principles by releasing it into the public domain. Confidentiality is expected in such matters. This information is therefore exempt under Section 40: Personal Information, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The areas where this exemption has been applied are shown below:

Please note- Any months not listed in the table below equates to zero physical assaults being recorded for that month.

Month	Department			
	Imaging	Inpatient Care	Radiotherapy Services	Grand Total
June 2018	0	6	0	6
July 2018	0	Exempt under S.40	0	Exempt under S.40
September 2018	0	0	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40
May 2019	0	Exempt under S.40	0	Exempt under S.40
November 2019	0	Exempt under S.40	0	Exempt under S.40

October 2020	0	Exempt under S.40	0	Exempt under S.40
November 2020	0	Exempt under S.40	0	Exempt under S.40
December 2020	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	0	Exempt under S.40

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>