

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-254-01	4 th July 2022
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In regards to question one, as one category is listed as <5, is it possible to have the exact number, if this is not possible could I have the combined totals for the month or year.

- **Number of abuse incidents against staff working in the Emergency Department from January 2017- March 2022 broken down by month:**
 - 1. Assaults resulting in injury**
 - 2. Assaults resulting in non-injury**
 - 3. Verbal abuse**
 - 4. Sexual harassment/abuse**
 - 5. Other abuse not characterised as above**

Please find attached the completed spreadsheet as requested by year.

Please note the Health Board has applied Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Health Board will not provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.