

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_83_18

You asked:

For the calendar years (Jan - Dec) of **2014, 2015, 2016, 2017** how many allegations of abuse (of any kind, physical, verbal etc) of patients with learning difficulties, a disability(ies) or mental health difficulties were made against health board staff?

Please also detail:

- How many of these allegations led to police involvement
- How many resulted in legal proceedings being initiated (arrest/charges etc)
- How many resulted in prosecutions

Our response:

	2014	2015	2016	2017
How many allegations of abuse (of any kind, physical, verbal etc) of patients with learning difficulties, a disability (ies) or mental health difficulties were made against health board staff?	**	0	0	**
How many of these allegations led to police involvement	0	0	0	**
How many resulted in legal proceedings being initiated (arrest /charges etc)	0	0	0	**
How many resulted in prosecutions	0	0	0	**

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles set out in Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and does not require the Health Board to consider the public interest test.