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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_29_25

You asked:

I am writing with a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I would like to ask the following:

1. I) In the financial years 2022/23, 23/24, and 24/25 (Up to 08.01.25), how many members of clinical staff were physically assaulted by members of the public? Please provide a breakdown by role if it is possible, e.g doctors, nurses, physicians, paramedics.

In 2022/23, there were eight physical assaults recorded. In 23/24 there were fourteen physical assaults recorded. In 24/25 (Up to 08.01.25), there were eight recorded. We are unable to breakdown into specific role.

II) Of those clinical staff who were assaulted, how many required hospital treatment as a result of their injuries? Please provide a breakdown by role, if it is possible, for the same financial years.

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested (financial year) would mean disclosure of low numbers.

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.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as 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.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, we can confirm that nine (9) staff required treatment between 2022/23 – 08.01.25).

We are unable to breakdown into specific role.

III) How many days of medical leave were granted to members of clinical staff owing to injuries sustained after an assault by a member of the public? Please provide a breakdown by role, for the same financial years.

The Health Board records absence using nationally mandated codes for recording which do not include a separate category for absence owing to injuries sustained after an assault by a member of the public and as such, we do not hold this information in a centrally extractable format.

2. I) In the financial years 2022/23, 23/24, and 24/25 (Up to 08.01.25), how many members of non-clinical staff were physically assaulted by members of the public?

2022/23 – Zero.

23/24 – Less than 5 (Section 40 applied due to low numbers – please see response 1 II).

24/25 (Up to 08.01.25) - Zero.

II) Of those who were assaulted, how many required hospital treatment as a result of their injuries?

There were no injuries recorded

III) How many days of medical leave were granted to members of non-clinical staff owing to injuries sustained after an assault by a member of the public?

Please see response to question 1 III.