

3 May 2019



Dear 

Official information request W19-335

I refer to your official information request dated 24 April 2019.

Request:

The total number of assaults against nurses by members of the public from 2013-2018.
How many assaults against nurses by members of the public, broken down by each year from 2013-2018.

So (x) total for 2013-2018

(x) total for 2013

(x) total for 2014

(x) total for 2015

(x) total for 2016

(x) total for 2017

(x) total for 2018

Response:

Below are the annual number of Health and Safety incident reports submitted by all staff reporting physical assault. We are unable to access the data to differentiate between professions, but the majority of the incidents are against Registered Nurses and Health Care Assistants.

Please note, we are unable to distinguish between a member of the public, a patient, or a family member.

2013	x 9
2014	x 6
2015	x 18
2016	x 5
2017	x 11
2018	x 14

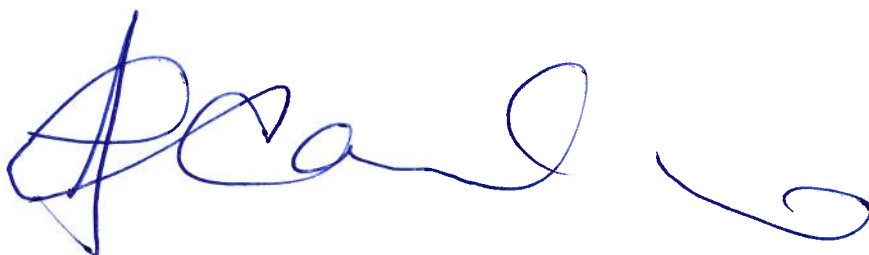
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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anna Cardno', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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