

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2425/287  
**From:** Press/Media  
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**Subject:** Private security, number of attacks and nature of incidents

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**Q1** How much money was spent by your trust on private security for the protection of staff in the following years?

2018 -  
2019 -  
2020 -  
2021 -  
2022 -  
2023 -

**A1** 2018/2019 – Information not held – there was a change in the reporting of this data during this time. Therefore, we only have data going back to April 2019.

Year	Carlisle Security Services Ltd	Ocs Group Uk Ltd	Grand Total
2019	0.00	£459,087.92	<b>£459,087.92</b>
2020	0.00	£590,534.48	<b>£590,534.48</b>
2021	0.00	£499,261.87	<b>£499,261.87</b>
2022	£872,574.68	£29,935.41	<b>£902,510.09</b>
2023	£794,100.94	0.00	<b>£794,100.94</b>
2024	£395,537.73	0.00	<b>£395,537.73</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£2,062,213.35</b>	<b>£1,578,819.68</b>	<b>£3,641,033.03</b>

**Q2** How many attacks were recorded on members hospital/ambulance staff by non-hospital staff in the years:

2018-  
2019-  
2020-  
2021-  
2022-  
2023-

**A2**

Year	Total
2018	207
2019	185
2020	111
2021	100
2022	131
2023	163

Q3 If recorded, what was the nature of these incidents (verbal/physical/racial etc)?

2018 -

2019 -

2020 -

2021 -

2022 -

2023 -

A3

Year	Physical	Verbal	Racial	Sexual
2018	81	123	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
2019	75	109	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.	0
2020	61	49	0	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
2021	41	57	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
2022	26	104	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.	0
2023	70	90	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.

The Trust is unable to respond to all or specific elements of your request where the response would indicate five or less individuals. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to reduce the risk of any individuals being identified. The Trust is of the view that disclosure of such information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and as such would constitute a breach of their personal data.

The Trust has applied exemption Section 40(2) of the FOIA and is therefore withholding the information as disclosure which may identify an individual would breach their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The grounds for application of this exemption include:

- Any data relating to patients or staff is third party data, furthermore health data is classified as sensitive personal data within the Data Protection Act 2018. As such, Section 40 (2) of the FOIA applies along with the Trusts duty of confidentiality. Therefore under s.2 (3) (f) (ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure on the grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection Principle.
- The Trust has a duty under the Data Protection Act 2018 and specifically the First Data Protection Principle to ensure personal data regarding staff and patients is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of such data which may identify an individual, either through the data alone or other data in conjunction with that data which may identify an individual would therefore breach this principle.
- The Data Protection Act 2018 defines sensitive personal data to include data relating to the “physical or mental health or condition” of a person. Any such information about specific individuals falls within this category and disclosure of such data including statistical data, with any potential likelihood of identification would breach the Data Protection Act 2018.