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Response Due: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. The number of reported incidents of racism/racist abuse towards staff by patients in 2022, 2023, 2024, and the first nine months of 2025.**  
**Can the data be categorised in calendar years please.**  
Please see the table below.
- 2. From the figures given in question 1., can you specify how many of the reported incidents were a) verbal and b) physical assaults please.**  
**Can the data be split with a) and b) columns and categorised in calendar years please.**  
Please see the table below.

Year	Number of Racism/Racist Abuse Incidents towards staff by patients (Question 1)	Verbal Assaults (Question 2a)	Physical Assaults (Question 2b)
2022	4	3	1
2023	1	1	0
2024	3	2	1
2025 (up to Sep-25)	3	2	1

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Handwritten signature of Kevin Parker-Evans in black ink, with the name 'PARKER-EVANS' printed in small capital letters below the signature.

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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