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Our Ref: FOI2019/01805

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/01805

I write in connection with your request for information received on 15th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to make an open government request to all the information from your trust to which I am entitled to under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – regarding police action on assaults against NHS Staff. The questions are also in order of importance, if answering these questions is likely to exceed the cost and time limit for responding to an FOI please answer them in order until these limits have been met. I would like to request the following: 1) The Assaults on Emergency Workers Bill came into force on November 2018. How many arrests have been secured since then using that legislation in relation to violence, abuse and aggression committed towards NHS staff in clinical settings? 2) The Assaults on Emergency Workers Bill came into force on November 2018. How many charges have been made since then using that legislation in relation to violence, abuse and aggression committed towards NHS staff in clinical settings?

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

RESPONSE - Following enquiries conducted within Bedfordshire Police please see our response below: -

A total of 61 arrests relate to offences and reports in relation to the Emergency Workers Bill. However, Bedfordshire Police arrest database does not capture the details of the victim and it is not always clear from the circumstances column who the victim was, so unable to decipher if NHS staff.

All 61 arrests relate to violence against the person offences.

Below is a list of outcomes: -

37 CHARGES
3 ADULT CAUTIONS
4 NFA
17 BAILED TO POLICE STATIONS with investigations ongoing.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.