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Dear Joe,

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**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9318**

Please find our Trust's response in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

*I am looking for information about **assaults which took place at inpatient mental health facilities**. Please can I have the following information:*

- Number of assault(s)
- Nature of assault (verbal, physical, both)
- Location of assault (ie name of facility, 'X ward')
- Assault report(s) (redacted for personal confidentiality as necessary)

*Please could this information be separated into:*

- Assault(s) by patient to another patient
- Assault(s) by patient to staff
- Assault(s) by staff to patient

*Date range: every month and every year inclusive 1990 - 2019*

*Format: CSV file or Excel*

*Regarding assault reports, these can be any format*

Please see attached spreadsheet containing data from Aug 2007 to present. This information relates to the former Greater Manchester West NHS Foundation Trust 2007-2017 and Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust 2017-present. Records are not available prior to Aug 2007.

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Assault reports have not been provided as to collate the reports for each of the 42,018 incidents would far exceed the current appropriate limit of 18 staffing hours. This information is therefore subject to an exemption in accordance with **Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act – the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.**

I hope the information provided above is to your satisfaction. If you are unhappy with the way, the Trust has handled your request you may request an internal review.

If you require an internal review please write to Sarah McDonald, Head of IM&T Service Delivery, at the address above, who will arrange a review of your case.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

The FOI Team  
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For any named personnel provided in this Freedom of Information response, they do not wish to receive direct marketing, to do so would contravene GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

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