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Date 9 October 2026
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Enquiries to [REDACTED]
Email psd.foi@nhs.scot

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3482

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 15 September 2026 requesting the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide the following information broken down by each financial year from 2021 to 2026.

- 1. The number of recorded incidents in NHS mental health inpatient services involving physical violence or assault by one patient against another patient.**
- 2. The number involving physical violence or assault against staff by a patient.**
- 3. The number involving physical violence or assault against a patient by a member of staff.**
- 4. Of these incidents, the number resulting in moderate harm, severe harm or death.**
- 5. Any details of the nature of the incidents, if available.**

It is important to note that from 1 April 2026, NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) and NHS Education for Scotland (NES) joined to form Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland), enabling transformation in health, social care, and the wider public sector. More information regarding PSD Scotland can be found at the following URL:

[Public Services Delivery Scotland \(PSD Scotland\)](#)

After a search of our electronic and paper records I can confirm that under [Section 17\(1\) of FOISA for "information not held"](#) Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland) does not hold the information that you have requested.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

PSD Scotland is not NHSScotland and do not hold records on behalf of the other Health Boards within NHSScotland. PSD Scotland does not provide patient facing mental health services, however, I suggest that you contact each of the Health Boards who do have patient facing mental health services directly using the email addresses listed below as under the terms of FOISA I am unable to transfer this request on your behalf.

NHS Ayrshire & Arran	foi@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Borders	foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	dg.feedback2@nhs.scot
NHS Fife	fife.foirequestfife@nhs.scot
NHS Forth Valley	fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot
NHS Grampian	gram.foi@nhs.scot
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Highland	nhsh.foirequestshighland@nhs.scot
NHS Lanarkshire	foi@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Lothian	loth.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot
NHS Orkney	ORK.FOIrequests@nhs.scot
NHS Shetland	shet.foi@nhs.scot
NHS Tayside	tay.foisa@nhs.scot
NHS Western Isles	wi.infogov-wihb@nhs.scot
The State Hospital	TSH.FOI-mailbox@nhs.scot

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address psd.foi@nhs.scot

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the Associate Director Corporate Governance using the email address psd.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online Appeal form](#).

Yours sincerely,

