

Request Reference: FOI/011/22

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Information requested:

- A) I note that in one report the person alleged to have caused the hate incident seemed to have reported being attacked by staff with knives. That should have been investigated by police and passed for inspection to a health inspectorate or watchdog. I would therefore at review request that all and any other information regarding persons allegedly attacking vulnerable patients with knives is disclosed.
- B) I would be particularly interested in any information if it exists that may detail anti-Catholic sectarian instances or claims of such instances in which Catholics are described as being detained, institutionalised or otherwise pathologized or "medically treated" for their faith or beliefs or assumed faith or beliefs at the hospital. Or for claims they or other Catholics are being persecuted for their beliefs of assumed beliefs. If such exists.

Response:

- A) We located two incidences that match your criteria. The first dates from 2003, the second has already been provided in our response to FOI/006/22.

Item	Incident 1
Inc Name	AGGRESSIVE
Ref	87
Incident Date	02/10/2003
Time	08:30
Location (Type)	Ward –Cromarty
Type	Health & Safety
Category	Assault
Sub Category	Patient to patient
Summary	Threatened to assault fellow patients with a knife and attempted to assault nursing staff who intervened.
Action taken	Patient was restrained using approved techniques, and offered and administered emergency medication.

Incident 1: we have no record if the patient was or was not in possession of a knife at the time of the threat.

Item	Incident 2
Inc Name	Exemption FOISA Section 38(1)(b)
Ref	TSH31003
Incident Date	29/12/21
Time	07:30
Area	Arran
Location (Type)	Exemption FOISA Section 38(1)(b)

Type	Health & Safety
Category	Behaviour
Sub Category	Threatening/Intimidating Behaviour
Grade (initial)	Medium
Grade	Low
Summary	Patient became hostile and verbally abusive towards female staff member, before turning on ward staff who spoke to him regarding his behaviour. Made threats of physical violence by both himself and members of his family towards nursing staff. Patient also made allegations of physical assault by nursing staff and of staff attacking him with knives. Patient used racist language towards staff (black bastard) as well as abusive language about people with disabilities (spastic, mongol), as well as misogynistic language (describing female staff as sluts and whores)
Action taken	Patient counselled and offered opportunity to go to bedroom and compose himself. Once located in bedroom patient continued to make threats towards staff and use derogatory language whenever he believed staff were in the vicinity
Action taken (investigation)	All staff to be familiar with individual care plans and nursing needs of patient.
Forenames (Persons)	Exemption FOISA Section 38(1)(b)
Surname (Persons)	Exemption FOISA Section 38(1)(b)
Role (Persons)	AGG

B) We have not found any records that match your criteria using digital searches of our records.

We do have paper archives relating to the organisation and individual patient files that might hold information that could be within the scope of your request. To search this information we would need to manually review each file.

We estimate that there are over 2700 files that would need to be reviewed, each taking around 1 hour. The individual(s) that could conduct such a review, given the sensitive nature of these files, would need to be senior staff.

2700 files x 1 hour x £15 per hour = £40,500

This is in excess of the £600 upper limit set out in FOISA section 12(1) and as such, we do not need to comply with this request.

Advice and Guidance

Question B; We recognise that there may be public interest in the historic operation of the organisation and therefore offer the opportunity to have this search conducted upon the payment of a fee.

Based on the estimate of £40,500, less the £600 the organisation would spend on a FOI request, we calculate the fee to be **£39,900.00**

Please contact the FOI team if you would like to have this search conducted.