



# West Coast District Health Board

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### RE Official information request WCDHB 9502

I refer to your email dated 7 December 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

**Date/numbers/figures of all incidents involving any DHB staff member (including contractors or causal workers) being harassed or, physically or verbally assaulted by a patient from any ward/area under the DHB's jurisdiction in the last three years to date (07/12/2017 – 07/12/2020).**

Please refer to **Table one** (below) for all incidents involving any West Coast DHB staff member being harassed or, physically or verbally assaulted by a patient in the last three calendar years.

**Table one:**

	Calendar years				Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>Employees</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>158</b>
Assault - Physical	2	23	43	33	101
Verbal abuse/threat/harassment/bullying	1	22	16	18	57
<b>Security</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>
Assault - Physical		1			1
Threatening Activity / Behaviour		3	5	9	17

I trust this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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