**FOI Ref: 6428**

**Category(ies): Trust - Estates and Facilities/Security Trust - Financial**

**Subject: Security SIA Licence**

**Date Received: 10/06/2022**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| How much money has been spent by the Trust employing hospital security staff with an SIA licence over the last five years?  Please break the costs down into a yearly budget. I am specifically asking for the amount spent on salaries for staff holding an SIA licence for the years below and the number of staff employed holding an SIA licence for each year.  2018  2019  2020  2021  2022 to date  Please include the number of staff employed currently by your Trust who hold the SIA licence. | The Trust is withholding this information under Sections 31 (Law enforcement) and 38 (Health & Safety) of the Freedom of Information Act.  Section 31 (1) (a) states that information is exempt information if its disclosure would, or be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime, while Section 38 (1) (b) states that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to endanger the safety of any individual.  Sections 38 & 31 are qualified exemptions; therefore, the public interest in withholding the information should outweigh the public interest in its disclosure.  The Trust has applied the public interest test and believes that disclosure of this information could lead to breaches in Trust security and is therefore a reasonable threat to the safety of individuals.  There is a strong public interest in ensuring service users and employees are protected at all times.  We consider that if the data you have requested were to be combined with other information which may be available in the public domain, there would likely to be an increased risk to the Health and Safety of Trust employees and service users.  For this reason, the Trust has decided that it is in the public interest to withhold this  information at this time. |
| I would also like to find out how many assaults took place on NHS staff for each of the years above | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | | Total | 138 | 182 | 205 | 238 | 116 | |