

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004**

<b>Date received</b>	25/10/2022	<b>Subject</b>	NHS Doctor Abuse	
<b>Date passed</b>	25/10/2022	<b>Respond by</b>	15/11/2022	
<b>Passed to</b>	Corporate Services HR	<b>FOI number</b>	2022-446	
<b>Category of information requested</b>	Governance - Corporate Workforce - Management of Employees			

**Question/s to be answered**

In the last five years can you please tell me?

1. The number of doctors or nurses who have reported verbal abuse (including racist slurs) from patients or by the family/friends of patients

35

2. The number of doctors or nurses who have reported physical abuse from patients or by the family/friends of patients

23

3. The number of doctors or nurses who have had property taken or vandalised by patients or by the family/friends of patients

0

4. How many incidences of abuse led to police action?

In accordance with FOISA s 17(1), NHS Shetland confirms that it does not hold the information requested. The Adverse Event Reporting System used by NHS Shetland (Datix) has no way of recording if Police Action has been taken, only if police have been called.

5. The number of cases of abuse over the past five years.

89