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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI846927814**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Racist assaults against social workers.

You have requested the following information:

1. Do you record racist assaults against social workers?

Yes.

If so, please answer the following:

2. In the year 1 April 2024 – 31 April 2025:

What was the total number of racist assaults against their person reported by social workers?

Of the total, how many were physical assaults?

Of the total, how many were verbal assaults/abuse?

Of the total, how many were perpetrated by members of staff?

How many individuals does the total relate to?

3. In the year 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024:

What was the total number of racist assaults against their person reported by social workers?

Of the total, how many were physical assaults?

Of the total, how many were verbal assaults/abuse?

Of the total, how many were perpetrated members of staff?

How many individuals does the total relate to?

4. In the year 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023:

What was the total number of racist assaults against their person reported by social workers?

Of the total, how many were physical assaults?

Of the total, how many were verbal assaults/abuse?

Of the total, how many were perpetrated members of staff?

How many individuals does the total relate to?

5. In the year 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022:

What was the total number of racist assaults against their person reported by social workers?

Of the total, how many were physical assaults?

Of the total, how many were verbal assaults/abuse?

Of the total, how many were perpetrated members of staff?

How many individuals does the total relate to?

6. In the year 1 April 2020– 31 March 2021:

What was the total number of racist incidents against their person reported by social workers?

Of the total, how many were physical assaults?

Of the total, how many were verbal assaults/abuse?

Of the total, how many were perpetrated members of staff?

How many individuals does the total relate to?

Please see the table below:

| Question | 2024-25 | 2023-24 | 2022-23 | 2021-22 | 2020-21 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| What was the total number of racist assaults against their person reported by social workers? | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the total, how many were physical assaults? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the total, how many were verbal assaults/abuse? | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the total, how many were perpetrated by members of staff? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| How many individuals does the total relate to? | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Please note:

Actual levels of racial and sexual assaults are likely to be higher than recorded. Work is ongoing to encourage reporting, particularly where there is a perception that that experiencing abuse/assault from service users is an expected part of the role. Addressing this perception is a key priority to improve accuracy and ensure appropriate staff support.

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Yours faithfully

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