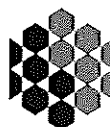


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Dear *JOHN*

I refer to your written Assembly Question (AQW 54038/11-16) in which you sought details on the number of assaults on staff in Emergency Departments, broken down by hospital, in each of the last twelve months.

HSC Employers provided the information to inform the original response. However, one organisation has since advised that after further analysis, errors were identified and it has re-submitted its return.

I wish to advise you, therefore, of an amendment to the original answer. The revised response is attached at **Appendix 1**.

I trust this information is helpful, and I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. I have copied this letter to the Assembly Library Services for their information.

Yours sincerely

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Revised Response to AQW 54038/11-16

John Dallat MLA has asked: To ask the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to detail the number of assaults on staff in Emergency Departments, broken down by hospital, in each of the last twelve months.

ANSWER


Incidents of verbal and physical attacks on HSC staff are recorded by the Department on a six monthly basis ending 31 March and 30 September in each calendar year.

The table below details the total number of physical and verbal assaults on staff in Emergency Departments, broken down by hospital for the last twelve months ending 30 September 2015.

Period Covered – 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015

	Total of Verbal & Physical Attacks
Craigavon Area Hospital	43
Daisy Hill Hospital	23

Antrim Area Hospital	64
Causeway Hospital	11
Mater Hospital	30
Royal Victoria Hospital	68
Altnagelvin Hospital	13
South West Acute Hospital	10
Lagan Valley Hospital	4
Ulster Hospital	25
Bangor Community Hospital	1
Total	292

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Hamilton', written in a cursive style.

Simon Hamilton MLA