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**Re: PQ 18444/22– Assaults, Cappagh Hospital**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against medical, nursing, midwifery and other health and social care professionals in Cappagh Hospital in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -”**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on assaults in National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC), which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised of the below by NOHC:

Year	Number of Assaults on Staff	Brief Description (do not include names or any identifying information)
2021	10 Verbal          1 physical	6 Patients aggressive to staff over waiting times.  1 patient aggressive to reception staff as they didn't know where they were going.  1 patient aggressive over toilet area.  2 patients arrived with visitors and visitors were not allowed access due to covid restrictions  While transferring patient from operating table to bed, patient grabbed staff members forearm - staff member was unable to remove her arm from patient grasp
2022 to date	1 sexual          2 verbal	Staff nurse had her buttocks felt/squeezed by a (dementia) patient.  Patient aggressive about missing appointment. Patient aggressive at humming noise in ward



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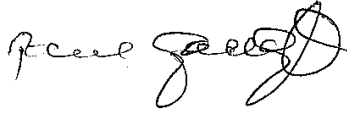
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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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